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Length of police caution is tripled

Howard's 60-word version modifying right to silence attacked

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

A NEW 60-word caution that police would have to read to suspects in place of the present 22-word version was met with a barrage of criticism yesterday when it was announced by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

Although welcomed by officers on the beat, warnings were given by lawyers, civil liberties groups and representatives of police organisations that the longer caution, necessitated by plans to modify a suspect's right to silence, would not be understood by many defendants.

The current caution — "You do not have to say anything unless you wish to do so but what you say may be given in evidence" — takes about seven seconds to read and has been used in England and Wales for 30 years. Under Mr Howard's proposal, officers will say: "You do not have to say anything. But if you do not mention now something which you later use in your defence, the court may decide that your failure to mention it now strengthens the case against you. A record will be made of anything you say and it may be given if you are brought to trial."

Barristers said that many defendants would not understand the caution, which takes about 20 seconds to deliver, and that it would cause a flood of claims by defendants. Defence lawyers would be certain to challenge how the caution was given and whether their clients recognised its importance.

Asked if he thought it was long-winded, Mr Howard said: "No, I don't. It is three sentences long. I don't think that's very long-winded and use of a caution in very similar terms in Northern Ireland does not appear to have given rise to any problems. The caution was designed so that people questioned by the police understand the potential consequences if they either do answer questions or refuse to answer questions." People would still be able to choose whether to answer questions. "No one is going to be compelled to answer. If they do refuse, that is something that will no longer be kept from the jury."

Under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill, which has just returned to the House of Commons after a rough ride through the Lords, where the Government was defeated on several measures, a person is not compelled to speak, but if they refuse to answer certain questions about an offence, the courts can make an inference.

A Police Federation spokesman said: "We accept there has to be a new form of words. It is a complex subject and we will have to give this proposed new caution careful consideration." The Home Office is asking for comments by November and Mr Howard hopes the caution will be in use by the middle of next year, after the Bill has become law.

Other police representatives said the warning seemed complicated and not easy to understand.

They questioned the use of the word "strengthen", which they claimed would unduly influence a jury.

Richard Ferguson, chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, said: "I think it is ambiguous and confusing. It lacks the necessary clarity to enable the recipient to exercise a proper judgment."

The human rights organisation Liberty said the new wording signalled the "complete abolition of the right of silence". Its general secretary Andrew Puddephatt said: "The new caution will make it clear to anyone under interrogation that there is a powerful onus to speak. Even someone who gives a full account on tape at the police station could have an adverse inference drawn against them if they did not make a statement immediately at the time of arrest."

Alun Michael, Labour home affairs spokesman, said: "The new wording will cause no difficulty for sophisticated criminals — such people will almost invariably have their own legal advice ready to hand, and story prepared." It would be the vulnerable and those of low ability who would be most at risk.

Survey tries to push Tories to right

By Jill Sherman
Political Correspondent

THE first official survey of Tory grassroots opinion are expected by its authors to put pressure on the Prime Minister to adopt a radical political agenda in the run-up to the next general election.

The survey questionnaire, distributed this month by the Conservative Political Centre to 3,500 party members, has been prompted by concern that the Government is failing to provide a coherent strategy and risks losing traditional supporters.

The political centre, the party's political education arm — it has no policy-making role — wants John Major to pursue a more populist, right-wing agenda, including the introduction of national identity cards, tougher penalties for offenders, an end to defence cuts and a return to family values.

Political centre executives will give the Prime Minister preliminary results of the survey when they meet him next month. The survey has the support of senior party figures such as Sir Basil Feldman, chairman of the National Union, and has been encouraged by Conservative Central Office.

The political centre is particularly concerned that businessmen and professionals, who have suffered in the recession, might be tempted to change their allegiance to Labour. Ross Coates, chairman of the centre's national committee said:

"Our message needs to be updated and taken beyond the 1980s which were dominated by Mrs Thatcher's push for privatisation and her determination to turn established bastions on their head," Mr Coates said. "We need a restyled vision."

A study weekend held by the centre three weeks before Tony Blair's election as Labour leader concluded that the

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JULIAN HERBERT

Jonty Rhodes, the South African batsman, gets attention after a ball from Devon Malcolm hit him on the helmet during the first day of the third Test at The Oval. Rhodes left the field and was kept overnight in hospital for observation. South Africa was 85 for four at lunch but recovered to end the day at 326 for eight. Match report, page 40

Apologies persuade Getty to give £1m

By Emma Wilkins

JOHN Paul Getty decided yesterday to reinstate his offer to donate £1 million to keep *The Three Graces* in Britain.

His decision came after Timothy Clifford, director of the National Galleries of Scotland, apologised privately and publicly for suggesting Mr Getty did not want Canova's sculpture to go to the Getty Museum in California because of a grudge against his late father.

The renewed offer means that a consortium of British museums and art foundations is now £800,000 short of its target of £7.6 million, the sum offered for the statue by the Getty Museum, which was founded by Mr Getty's father.

Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, chairman of the trustees of the Victoria & Albert Museum, said: "We hope his generosity will encourage other benefactors and members of the public to help us in finding the amount we still need."

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College clearing battle begins after record A-level results

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

ALMOST 100,000 students had been rejected from their chosen degree courses last night as universities geared up for a frenetic period of clearing to match disappointed candidates to the remaining vacancies.

Only 25 per cent of students who missed their first choices went into the clearing system last year. But record pass rates and the hard line taken by admissions tutors in making initial offers may encourage more to seek late entry this summer.

Dr Margaret Reynolds, English admissions tutor at Birmingham University, said: "There will be more students getting top grades who were not expected to, who will end up in clearing because they were not offered a place."

Tony Higgins, the joint chief executive of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, said the system would cope with the influx. He accused critics of scaremongering and predicted that clearing would operate more quickly and smoothly than usual.

However, there was no letup in the calls for renewed expansion of higher education and a reformed admissions system. David Triesman, general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, said too many qualified students would be denied a place, while clearing would direct many students to unsuitable courses.

Helplines set up by the universities and media organisations were busier than ever as students received their results. The BBC's advice line was taking 200 calls an hour, as students with better than their required grades sought to "trade up" to a better course.

Admissions tutors predicted that the official bar on trading up would be flouted by universities anxious to recruit the best students. Several had already been approached by candidates trying to avoid the "lottery" of clearing.

Eric Forth, the Education Minister, defended the new clearing system and rejected claims that the sixth successive rise in the A-level pass rate meant the examination was becoming easier.

He said: "No one is complacent. We are really doing everything we possibly can to ensure and guarantee that standards are being kept and being maintained."

Mr Forth denied the improved results reflected the increasing popularity of arts-based courses as students ducked difficult subjects such as mathematics and science.

Bryan Davies, Labour's higher education spokesman, called for more university and college places and an overhaul of the clearing system. "We can't have a situation where so many students are caught in this three-week scramble for places which is hugely inefficient and quite heart-rending for the students involved, who are frequently disappointed."

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, said: "The Government's stop-go policies for expansion in higher education mean that, despite their excellent results, many pupils will face disappointment as they are turned away from their first-choice university and course."

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Duke will pay visit to Israel

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Israel in October to receive an order from the Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial centre, honouring his mother, Princess Alice of Greece for her work in saving Jews in Greece during the Second World War.

It will be the first visit by a member of the royal family to Israel, and comes after pressure from Britain's Jewish community.

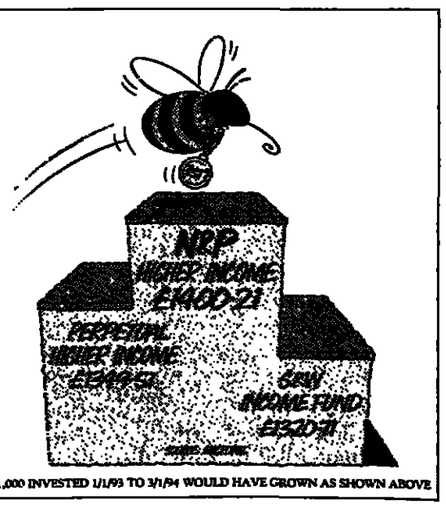
$100m nuclear bomb contract

A suspected West German smuggler caught in possession of weapons grade plutonium had a $100m contract from an unknown country to buy enough material for a nuclear bomb ..... Page 12

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Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, was last night involved in another row with the European Commission over his decision to end a jobs scheme to help the disabled ..... Page 2

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Jury forces burger chain to cry over spilt coffee

By Robin Young

THE McDonald's hamburger chain, which is contesting in the British High Court claims that it has thinned the ozone layer, denuded rain forests, starved the Third World, and poisoned its customers with foods that promote cancer, yesterday had damages of $2.9 million (£1.9 million) awarded against it by a jury in America. The damages were not for any of the heinous alleged crimes that are the subject of the High Court libel case McDonald's has brought against two anarchists in London.

Instead, they were for an old lady who burnt herself with a cup of coffee she spilt in her lap. The award was made on Wednesday in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Stella Liebeck. Mrs Liebeck, 81, testified that she was riding in a car in Feburary 1992 when she put the cup of coffee between her legs while she removed the cap. The coffee spilled and she suffered severe burns on her legs, groin and buttocks.

Her lawyer, Reed Morgan, said his client's medical bills were almost $10,000. He added that there had previously been several lawsuits brought over the temperature of McDonald's coffee, which is served at 82 to 87C. Juror Richard Anglada, said the jury was trying to deliver a message to the fast-food industry: "The coffee's too hot out there."

Tracy McGee, McDonald's attorney, said the company would appeal.

A spokeswoman for McDonald's in Britain said last night that the company's coffee specification in this country required it be served at between 75 and 90C.

Brown promises to end tax relief on share options

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR would abolish the annual £200 million of tax subsidies on executive share options, Gordon Brown pledged yesterday.

However, critics said that the move would effectively kill off the schemes and result in less revenue to the Treasury, not more.

"We are calling for an end to the lax tax rules which mean that privatised utility bosses in electricity, water and telecom are becoming millionaires at our expense, subsidised by the British taxpayer," the shadow Chancellor said.

The £200 million saved could be used to prevent pensioners paying a further rise in VAT on fuel, he said.

Five senior privatised utility executives, including Lord Young of Graffham, the chairman of Cable and Wireless and former Tory Trade and Industry Secretary, have become paper millionaires purely through the rising value of their share options, Mr Brown said.

"It's up to a company whether it awards shares to its employees," he said yesterday on BBC Radio. "But it's wrong that the Exchequer should be financing, indeed subsidising, the award of these share options, particularly in privatised utilities."

Some people were receiving between £1 million and £2 million "simply from being in the right place at the right time, and not related to hard work, effort or ability".

Executive share options have become one of the most widespread forms of executive remuneration since they were introduced by Nigel Lawson in the 1984 Budget. During a booming stock market they can be used to realise huge profits for senior executives on top of their salaries. The paper value of share options currently held by British captains of industry is now estimated at £14 billion and is rising at the rate of £1.6 billion a year.

The first £5,800 of profits realised on the sale of share options are free of capital gains tax. Under Mr Brown's proposals they would receive no tax relief. Labour would also levy income tax on the paper profits realised when the options are exercised.

Mr Brown's claims were received with derision by Tory MPs. Barry Legg, MP for Milton Keynes South West, said the proposals "would effectively kill off executive share options completely, so you would end up with a loss of revenue and demotivated management. This is just a piece of spiteful Labour tax policy."

John Butterfill, vice-chairman of the Tory backbench finance committee, said Mr Brown's attack on share options was absurd and showed he did not understand how share markets worked. "Granting share options is far better than the executives who award themselves huge sums of money even when the performance of their companies has not improved."

Review panel sides with thief denied a trip abroad

BY KATE ALDERSON

A TEENAGE offender who complained when he was refused an all-expenses-paid trip to Central America has had his protest upheld by a review panel which said the boy's "wishes and feelings" had not been considered.

The 17-year-old from Cleveland, who has convictions for burglary and car theft, was sent to the Bryn Melyn rehabilitation centre, Gwynedd, in October last year. His 12-month care programme, approved by Teesside Youth Court, included a 12-week trip to Belize with outdoor activities.

However, earlier this year Cleveland social services reviewed his programme and decided he "should not leave the country". Their decision came in the same month that Bryn Melyn was criticised for sending an offender on a £7,000 three-month trip to Africa.

The Cleveland youth went on to make an official complaint about the cancellation of the trip, a right accorded to him under the Children Act. A review panel made up of Ian McMillan, from the council's inspection unit, and an independent assessor from the Children's Society, has published a report upholding the complaint.

It states: "The procedure followed by the county council prevented all relevant factors being considered, did not take consideration of the planning arrangements for the young person, did not take into account his wishes and feelings." It also said the trip abroad was "considered to be work experience, not a holiday".

The youth is no longer in the care of Bryn Melyn.

Robert Pitt, chairman of the Cleveland social services committee, said he was not in favour of trips abroad for offenders, but that the Government had to take responsibility for this confusing situation under which a review panel can uphold such a complaint.

Mr Pitt said: "Only the Government can resolve the situation by making a clear policy decision once and for all. Should trips of this kind be allowed or not?"

He claims that Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, has said local authorities should not send offenders on trips abroad. A Department of Health spokeswoman said: "The guidance is very clear. In the Government's view, offenders should not be sent abroad."

Mr Pitt defended Bryn Melyn's record, and said it had an 80 per cent success rate compared with an 80 per cent failure rate for Government-run care facilities. "This boy's case history and problems were among the most horrendous I have ever seen. He has behavioural and psychological problems, and we did not believe secure accommodation would have addressed this young man's problems."

Michael Bates, Conservative MP for Langbaurgh, said the offender should never have been considered for a trip. "It would have been a free holiday at the taxpayer's expense in a tropical paradise. He should be made to stay in this country, and scrub graffiti off walls, or clean out polluted rivers and streams."

The findings of the complaints inquiry will be discussed by councillors next week, but Councillor Pitt said no one should assume that the authority would be likely to change its decision in this particular case. The Department of Health said that despite the ruling of the inquiry its present guidelines "still stand".

JAMES JONES



Lt Col Coogan leaves the Army court martial in Paderborn in civilian clothes

Army doctor fired after sex with teenage patient

BY LIN JENKINS

AN ARMY officer who held one of the forces' top medical posts was dismissed the service yesterday for having sexual intercourse with a 16-year-old girl patient.

The court martial in Germany was told that Lieutenant Colonel John Coogan, 46, a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, developed the relationship when he was treating the teenager for the effects of an alleged rape and the eating disorder bulimia nervosa.

On the grounds of mental illness, Colonel Coogan had denied the charge of scandalous conduct unbecoming to an officer.

Colonel Rogers, president of the court martial, sitting with two men and two women officers, found him guilty after a four-day hearing at Paderborn and ordered he be dismissed the service without disgrace, allowing him to keep his pension. His German-born wife, Connie, mother of their three children, broke down and wept at the decision.

Colonel Coogan, who held the posts of Command Consultant in Psychiatry to the British Army on the Rhine and consultant psychiatrist at Isherlohn Military Hospital, admitted the sexual relationship.

Lieutenant Colonel Roger Lewis, outlining the case, said that the psychiatrist had sexual intercourse with the girl on his office floor.

Colonel Lewis said: "He took her out after the incident in his office on January 2 and he continued to see her and have sex with her for a further six months until she returned to the UK."

Colonel Coogan, who earns a basic salary of £46,000, told the hearing he was ashamed of his behaviour. "I was arrogant and supremely confident of my ability to control the situation," he said.

Three psychiatrists gave evidence saying they found him to be suffering from a form of manic depression that caused mood swings.

Colonel Coogan, who was psychiatric adviser to troops in the Gulf in 1991 and is an authority on child abuse, told the hearing: "I just wish to thank the court martial for a lengthy deliberation and their time and consideration. But I have maintained and still maintain the events would never have occurred if I had not been suffering from a serious mental illness."

The decision of the Court Martial is is subject to confirmation. Colonel Coogan will almost certainly face disciplinary action from the General Medical Council — the profession's ruling body — and is likely to be struck off the medical register.

Portillo clashes with EC over jobs plan

BY JILL SHERMAN AND GEORGE BROCK

MICHAEL Portillo was involved in another embarrassing dispute last night over his decision to end a jobs scheme to help disabled workers.

The European Commission wrote to the Employment Secretary suggesting he could go ahead with the scheme, which allows firms with disabled workers to put in a second bid for a contract, provided he gave the same preferential treatment to firms with disabled workers from other countries.

Raniero Vanni d'Archirafi, an EC commissioner, emphasised that the decision was a preliminary one and that the scheme was still being examined. However, EC sources suggested that the compromise would prevent any need to penalise the disabled and indicated that it would be acceptable to the European Court of Justice.

Employment sources immediately argued that the Commission had no authority to suggest a compromise on laws drawn up by ministers. They insisted that even if Mr Portillo adopted the commissioner's advice, he could still be found guilty of breaking the law by the European Court of Justice. The only way to make the scheme lawful was to change the original directive.

In a curt reply to Mr Vanni d'Archirafi, Mr Portillo repeated British legal advice which had suggested that the scheme was illegal.

"What you say about the possibility of making an exception to the general rule on public procurement, leaves open the risk that an aggrieved competitor could take legal action against the UK Government arguing that we could not have implemented the Consolidated Supplies Directive properly."

Employment officials said Mr Portillo would not take any action till the EC reached a firmer conclusion. However, the Employment Secretary was evidently furious that Brussels had once more tried to undermine his position.

French fisherman shot in tuna skirmish

Spanish fishermen fired at French trawlers in the Bay of Biscay yesterday, wounding a Frenchman in the neck in the latest round in the "tuna war", according to the French authorities. The French fisheries ministry said that five Spanish boats attacked four French vessels about 15 miles off Cap Breton in southwest France at 1am. Jean Puech, the French fisheries minister, said he had asked Madrid to take legal action against the Spanish trawlermen.

Spanish fishermen admitted to trying to haul in drift nets being used by the French, which they claimed were longer than the maximum 2.5km allowed under European Union rules, but denied firing any shots. Instead, they said the French had fired at them. Luis Atienza, the Spanish fisheries minister, called on fishermen of all nationalities to refrain from taking the law into their own hands. He said: "All violent conduct must be condemned and I regret the incident that happened early this morning between some Spanish and French boats in which it seems a French fisherman was wounded."

Boy started gas blast

A 12-year-old boy blew up gas cylinders next to a busy supermarket after being dared by a friend. Gas cylinders exploded and fragments flew 100ft in the air, a youth court in Fareham, Hampshire, was told yesterday. The ensuing blaze at the Supergas Depot caused £200,000 worth of damage and destroyed a mobile office and a lorry. But the boy, who started the fire with a lighter, was let off with a supervision order after magistrates heard that he did not mean the fire to get out of control. His mother was bound over to keep the peace to make sure he does not reoffend.

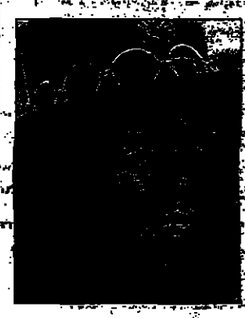
Jaguar jobs secured

Jaguar's 6,000 British workers have secured their jobs and won investment worth £1 billion from Ford, its American owner, with a 54 per cent increase in efficiency over the past four years. The number of faults on cars leaving the Coventry plant is only 10 per cent of four years ago, while repairs [illegible] under warranty have fallen by 45 per cent in the meantime. The £1 billion will be spent on new luxury models to compete with its main rivals, including BMW and Mercedes-Benz. Jaguar expects to make 32,000 cars this year [illegible] per cent expansion next year.

'No nuclear cancer link'

There are no consistent links between nuclear plants and childhood leukaemia, according to Oxford statisticians. They examined 11,000 cases of leukaemia and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in children under 15 in England and Wales between 1966 and 1985. They drew circles of 25 kilometres around 29 sites — 23 nuclear and six control sites — and found that there was no increase in cases around the nuclear sites. "There is no evidence for a geographical association of leukaemia and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma with nuclear installations", they said in the *British Medical Journal*.

Guitar makes £50,000



A collection of clothing and guitars belonging to the late Jimi Hendrix, left, sold for £225,373, more than twice the estimate, at Bonham's in Knightsbridge, central London, yesterday. The top lot was his cherry-red Gibson Flying V guitar for which the founder of the Hard Rock Cafe chain paid £50,600. A lock of John Lennon's hair went for £715; a clip of Paul McCartney's made £200.

Pop goes pub holiday

An elderly couple cancelled their holiday at a pub in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, after confusing the town with the venue for last weekend's rock concert in America. They complained they did not like crowds and loud pop music. The AA said it had also received a number of calls from people worried about traffic congestion in the area.

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Tories must seize the initiative for the 1990s".

The multiple-choice questionnaire is heavily loaded to the Right, with questions on identity cards for social security and health services, further penalties for juvenile offenders and a crackdown on public-service spending.

A briefing note distributed with the questionnaire makes it clear that the political centre supports a smaller state sector backed by voluntary and charitable contributions.

The centre reflects party activist thinking and is more right-wing than the general Tory party membership.

There is no mention in the briefing note of the privatisation of the Post Office, an idea that is not popular among ordinary Tory members. Mr Coates admitted that privatisation had become less popular after the problems that have arisen with water authorities and reports of huge salaries paid to public-utility chief executives.

Instead, the centre backs a pamphlet by David Willetts, Tory MP for Havant, which calls for "Civic Conservatism", or giving back power to the local community.

Grant-maintained schools, fundholding GPs and health service trusts were all good examples of civic institutions, the briefing note says. It also calls for a thorough review of social security spending, including child benefit.

Last night John Maples, a Tory party deputy chairman, tried to play down the significance of the survey. "It is not supposed to be finding out in a scientific way what people think. The debate is over things that are probably seen as right wing by people outside but what we are interested in is what their priorities are within a Conservative policy framework," he said.

Terrorists kill notorious Dublin gangland chief

BY CATHERINE MILTON

ONE of Ireland's most notorious gangland leaders died in a hail of bullets on the streets of a Dublin suburb yesterday in a meticulously planned ambush.

Martin "The General" Cahill, 45, was said to have been responsible for an audacious series of crimes, including the kidnapping of Jim Lacey, then chief executive of National Irish Bank.

The outlawed Irish National Liberation Army last night said it killed Cahill, who was gunned down in his car in Ranelagh, close to the city centre. Detectives believe his death may have been part of a feud between the INLA and Dublin criminals, already believed to have claimed one life.

A police source said: "It looks as though he bit off more than he could chew when he started working with the INLA. They shoot first and ask questions afterwards if anything goes wrong."

Witnesses said the two men involved in the attack had lain in wait for up to an hour about half a mile from their victim's home. One sat on a black motorcycle while a second, posing as a council worker, appeared to check off the registration numbers of cars on a clipboard.

When Cahill stopped his car at a junction, the bogus council worker ran up to the Renault 5 and fired a single shot. The car crashed into a pole, and the killer calmly fired four more shots at Cahill before escaping on the back of the motorcycle.

Cahill, who was married with five children, was a near-legendary figure said to have presided over a crime empire with assets of more than £20 million. At the scene of some of his crimes he was said to have left a box of chocolates, with a note reading: "All because the lady loves Milk Tray."

He also enjoyed outrageous stunts outside courts where he appeared for minor offences. He once stripped off his trousers to reveal Mickey Mouse boxer shorts, and on another occasion walked from court with a bird's nest on his head.

Cahill always insisted he was not "the General", but his lifestyle belied his claims of innocence. He had two houses in Rathmines, Dublin — one worth about £90,000, the other a council house.

He had been under police surveillance for more than 20 years, and was believed to have masterminded the £30 million art robbery at the home of Sir Alfred Beit in Co Wicklow in 1986, plus shootings, bombings, torture, armed robberies and protection rackets.

In 1983 he and his gang got away with £2 million of jewellery from a shop in Dublin. That led to a conflict with the IRA, which had also been planning to rob the store.

Police stepped up their efforts to capture him when his gang robbed the offices of the Director of Public Prosecutions in 1987, taking 145 files on armed robberies and other offences. But Cahill, who did not drink, smoke or take drugs, always managed to avoid serious charges.

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Remorseful killer hanged himself to ease family's grief

By Michael Horsnell

ALAN Conner, the drifter who raped and murdered Sandra Parkinson, was racked by grief and remorse when he killed himself. He smoked three last cigarettes before hanging himself from a tree with agricultural twine, a coroner decided yesterday.

Suicide notes to his victim's family indicated that he may have been schizophrenic. David Morris, the coroner, said at an inquest in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

The letters begged forgiveness for taking the life of "someone so young" and expressed the wish that he was as strong as Miss Parkinson had been during their fatal encounter last month on a coastal path near Salcombe, Devon.

But one of the notes, addressed to the mother and brothers of the 22-year-old Scottish woman, indicated a split personality, the inquest was told. It said: "I am sorry for what I did to her. Please believe me it wasn't me, it was the other bastard. I can't live with it. I beg that you can forgive me for what I did. I didn't mean to hurt anyone. And she was only 22. And she had so much to live for. I'm sorry. I really am sorry. I can't cope no more. I can't do anything to help you through your grief. I really wish I could. All I can do is kill myself. I hope it helps even if it's just a bit."

In a shorter note found in a plastic bag near the body, which was discovered on August 7 outside the Cambridgeshire village of Brampton, Conner, 32, wrote: "I've had 3 last fags. I wish I was as strong as your sister. I can't ask you enough to forgive me. I hope you can. Please."

The coroner disclosed that a final note addressed to him said: "I hope you noticed I picked a crap tree. I couldn't ruin a good one. Sorry."

Conner, of no fixed abode, was born in Kenya and had seen none of his relatives in his adopted Yorkshire for eight years.

Mr Morris said that tattoos found on Conner's body — including a rose and the names Tracey and Alan — might awake the recollections of others of his surviving victims who might then be able to account for his movements in recent years.

He had been discharged from prison after serving four years for a rape in Sheffield and had a catalogue of other lesser convictions. He also attacked Muriel Harvey, a retired JP, after she left midnight mass in Ludlow, Shropshire, on Christmas Eve 1992. Devon and Cornwall police believe he may also be linked to six other murders and 22 rapes over the last 14 years.

The inquest was told that his body was found by Glen Popham, 24, from Huntingdon, as he walked through fields with his father-in-law Jeff Wilson, 56. Mr Popham told the inquest: "As we walked along I looked and saw what I thought was a plastic shopping bag and then a can of spray, a wallet, a wristwatch and cigarette papers. I thought someone had dumped them. Then I saw what I thought was a dummy but I realised he was hanging from a tree by a string."

PC Steven Groom said that Conner, who was wearing a black nylon anorak, Dr Marten boots and blue jeans, had £13.51 on him and nearby was a grey carrier bag with the suicide notes, and personal possessions including razors, a lighter, cigarettes, a wallet, a donor card in his name, a comb and a wristwatch.

He said police inquiries into the Parkinson murder were over but that investigations into other unsolved crimes were continuing, particularly in the Ludlow area.

Det Sgt Dower said there was no evidence that Conner had ever had any psychiatric treatment.

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Conner: never had psychiatric treatment



Sandra Parkinson: was raped and strangled

From petty thief to murderer

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

ALAN CONNER was a drifter and petty burglar who was in and out of police cells for years. Time and again detectives in small country towns picked him up for breaking into libraries and schools in search of cash and shelter.

Now his criminal career is being traced through thousands of police files for unsolved murders and rapes. Some 800 rapes and murders reported since 1990 are being checked and individual forces investigating the murders of six women have been asked for their files by Devon and Cornwall officers.

As a result of DNA samples from the Parkinson murder, West Mercia police already know that he attacked and raped an elderly JP in Ludlow. Bedfordshire police think he may have raped a Salvation Army worker and in South Yorkshire officers are looking at five unsolved rapes in the mining community around Conner's home village of Thurnscoe.

Yet friends and neighbours in Thurnscoe are puzzled as to how the man they knew as a likeable character could have been a repeated sex attacker. Even when he was convicted in 1986 for the rape of a 16-year-old, his family protested his innocence. Conner's mother Margaret died a year after he was jailed for six years. She protested his innocence to the end.

Released from prison in 1990, Conner became a drifter. In February 1991 he was sent back to prison for burglary and was released in June 1992.

He would break into public buildings, often drying his clothes on a radiator and leaving his socks behind. He travelled from Shropshire to Devon and then across to the east Midlands, the Home Counties and east Anglia.

In May this year he appeared before magistrates in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, charged with stealing £60 from a library.



Eddie Middleton with Christie and his wife Kerry, who was treated after the birth

Cancer wife dies after putting baby before treatment

By Lin Jenkins

A WOMAN who died after refusing treatment for cancer because it would harm her unborn child has left a letter for her daughter to open when she is older.

"The sealed letter contains her thoughts and feelings as she fought against the illnes," Kerry Middleton's husband Eddie said yesterday. Mr Middleton, 28, speaking for the first time about the loss of his wife, said she had prepared for her death by leaving the letter and jewellery for their daughter, Christie.

Mrs Middleton, 22, of Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, refused chemotherapy for myloid leukaemia while she was pregnant. Christie was born by Caesarean section on May 1 last year, ten weeks prematurely. She weighed 3lb 8oz.

After the birth Mrs Middleton endured months of treatment for the leukaemia, which proved to be successful. However, before she was due to have a bone marrow transplant to prevent the cancer returning, she died this week in hospital from liver failure.

Mr Middleton said: "She was a fighter who never gave up. I feel robbed of my wife. She was snatched away after beating leukaemia. All she ever wanted was a baby of her own and her wish came true last year when Christie was born."

Mrs Middleton was put on a life-support machine at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, on Saturday after complications set in. She died later in the arms of her husband.

Mr Middleton, a pottery worker, said: "As she lay in hospital I just put my arm round her because I wanted to hold her for as long as I could hear her breathing. When she died I collapsed and broke down.

"But then I remembered that Kerry had made me promise not to go to pieces and to be strong for our daughter."

He said he would comply with her wishes and wear the suit he wore for their wedding at the funeral and ensure that none of the mourners wore black.

After all the heartache during the pregnancy, her death had come suddenly. "She took bad on Saturday, mixing her words and getting confused. She was upset because she did not know what was happening. She got worse over Sunday and Monday and they decided to switch the machine off."

At the time of her diagnosis, Mrs Middleton, who married her husband five months ago, said: "The only thing worrying me is the baby. But doctors have not built up our hopes. It was a shock to find out I was ill but I have just got to buckle down and get on with it."

Victoria's dental set sold to US museum

QUEEN Victoria's personal dental set, with a collection of gold and steel instruments, was sold for £15,400 to an American museum at Christie's, west London, yesterday.

The set, which included scrapers for removing plaque and a bottle of mercury for fillings, was bought by the Dr Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr Harris said later: "It's important to dentists and it will be good to show it to the public."

It was one of three items of royal medical equipment to go. Another was Prince Albert's travelling medical chest, which sold to the Thackray medical museum in Leeds for £6,600 (estimate £1,200-£1,800).

A ledger showing both the ailments and treatments for a later generation of royals sold for £1,540 (estimate £300-£500) to California.

It itemised the medical problems of the Prince and Princess of Wales, later King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, the Duke and Duchess of York, later George V and Queen Mary.

Bachelor finds he is married

A WOMANISING company director found himself married to the mother of three of his children yesterday, even though the couple split up 11 years ago without going through a wedding ceremony.

Iain and Maureen Dewar lived together for about eight years but a judge ruled they had been married "by habit and repute" since 1975.

Lord Abernethy said in a judgment at the Edinburgh Court of Session that Mr Dewar had "a racy lifestyle". He said: "It seemed to me that he tried to have the best of all worlds as he saw it.

"He wanted a nice home and family and for many years lived in that way. At the same time, however, he and his like-minded associates frequently stayed out late at night or overnight, drinking and, with at least some of them, he went womanising as well."

Lord Abernethy said the couple first met in 1973 when Mr Dewar was 21 and Mrs Dewar 19. Mr Dewar, a director of two motor dealing companies, bought a flat in the city late in 1974 and the couple eventually moved in together. They had two more children.

The judge said the woman had been generally known as Mrs Dewar since 1973 and he criticised Mr Dewar's evidence to the hearing. "His deeds speak a lot more loudly than any words. In my opinion he presented himself to the world as a married man.

"No doubt he did not behave as an ideal husband. But many married men fall into that category. In real life it is not unknown for a married man to go out drinking and womanising," the judge said.

He ruled that the couple were married by habit and repute since February 1975. He increased Mr Dewar's payments to Mrs Dewar, of Dalmeny, Lothian, from from £120 to £160 a week.



Taylor: lawyers seek to block television series

Taylor sues over 'beaten wife' book

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

ELIZABETH Taylor is suing the American television network NBC over a mini-series based on a book that portrays her as a battered wife. An unauthorised biography due to be published next year with a half-million print-run contends that the British-born actress was beaten by three of her seven husbands, including Richard Burton.

Taylor's lawyers are seeking to block the broadcast of the mini-series on the grounds that it would tarnish her image and damage sales of her best-selling perfume brands, Passion and White Diamonds.

According to the book, Burton, whom Taylor married twice and claimed to love more passionately than all her other consorts, once "deliberately slammed the side of a table into her body" while they were dining in public.

David Heymann, the book's author, further alleges that Taylor suffered violent physical abuse from Nicky Hilton, her first husband, and Mike Todd, her third.

The lawsuit argues that the television series would be an inaccurate invasion of her privacy and would hurt Taylor, 62, financially. Nick Papiano, her lawyer, said the allegation that a number of Taylor's husbands had beaten her was untrue.

Twelve years ago, Taylor successfully prevented ABC from broadcasting a similar film about her life, using the same argument in court. "I am my own commodity," she said at the time.

Homeless youths wrecked house

THREE homeless teenagers moved into a house belonging a private landlord and wrecked it in less than a month, leaving the owner with a £3,000 repair bill.

The youths, who were recommended by a young homeless project, smashed tables and chairs, ripped down curtains and punched holes in the doors and walls. Carpets were stained with urine and rotting food was crammed into drawers in a bedroom cabinet.

When Danny Mollereau, 31, gave them a week's notice to quit the house in Banbury, Oxfordshire, the youths disappeared with a television, bed and other household items.

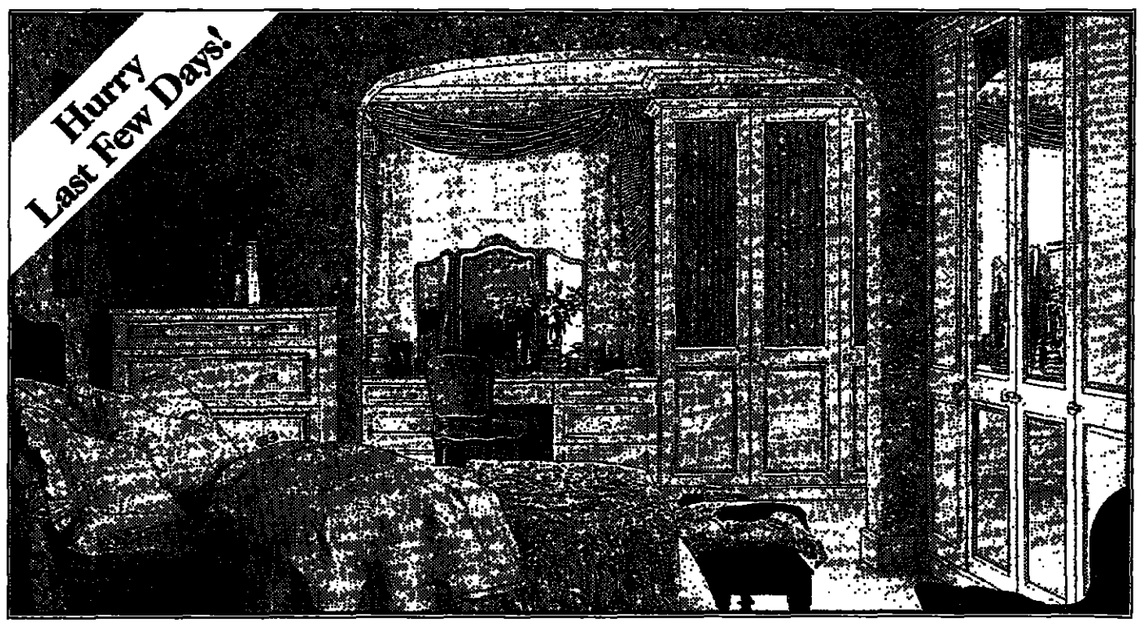
Mr Mollereau said yesterday: "I was glad to help get a couple of needy youngsters out of the gutter and give them a roof over their heads. I was repaid with a slap in the face. They had all their friends round and I found needles and evidence of drug-taking all over the place." He said he had spent hours cleaning and disinfecting the house but was still waiting to hear who would pick up the bill.

Ruth Broadbent, of the Banbury Young Homeless Project, said: "We condemn behaviour of this kind because it undermines the work we are trying to do to make independent living a positive and productive experience for young people. It also makes it harder for other young people in similar situations to find somewhere to live."

A Banbury police spokesman confirmed they were investigating the incident as a case of criminal damage.

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BUSINESS DEPOSITS

Official in disabled slur leads team at games opening

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A TOP Australian sports official at the Commonwealth Games yesterday received international condemnation for saying that disabled competitors would be an embarrassment at the so-called Friendly Games.

Arthur Tunstall, head of the Australian delegation, was still expected to march in the front line of his team at the opening ceremony in Victoria, Canada, last night, attended by 3,350 athletes from 64 nations. But there was more controversy when scuffles broke out at his hotel as journalists tried to interview the 72-year-old former boxer.

Speaking on Canadian television on Tuesday, Mr Tunstall said that disabled competitors should have a separate games, similar to the Paralympics. He said: "It's got to be an embarrassment because people are going out of their way to assist them and the able people are a little bit embarrassed to have them around. I can tell you back in Australia people feel exactly the same way."

Yesterday Prince Edward, president of the Commonwealth Games Federation, listened as Sonny de Salas, the outgoing chairman, told a press conference that right-minded people would deplore the statement of Mr Tunstall, the federation's new vice-president. Michael Fennell, the new chairman, said there would be an inquiry. Asked for his opinion, the Prince said: "I have not seen or heard what Mr Tunstall said but I endorse what has been said here."

John Faulkner, the Australian Minister for Sport, quickly distanced his government from Mr Tunstall's remarks by saying that his country supported "the integration of disabled athletes into sporting events such as the Commonwealth Games". For the first time, 58 disabled competitors are participating in three of the ten sports.

In a statement later yesterday, Mr Tunstall accepted that he may have offended some people and apologised, but said that the word "embarrassment was intended as a reference to what I perceive to be the inadequate way in which disabled sports are being presented at these Commonwealth Games".

Andrew Kyrianou, president of the Australian branch of Disabled Peoples International, said the apology was little compensation for the damage to Australia's reputation. "The only appropriate apology Australia can make is to demand Mr Tunstall's immediate resignation and recall him from Canada."

However, Tanni Grey, the champion Welsh wheelchair athlete, said Mr Tunstall was entitled to his opinion. "The last thing we want is for people to be condescending towards us. I guess there are some people who do not want us here but we would rather they were truthful."

Rick Hansen, the Canadian who has won three world wheelchair marathon titles and who led the move to bring disabled athletes into the games, said: "People who have been involved in a very conservative organisation are going to be slow to change."

Mr Tunstall has been secretary-general of the Australian Commonwealth Games Association since 1969. He is, however, renowned for putting his foot in it and upsetting the very people whose interests he is supposed to represent — the athletes. Herb Elliott, former Olympic and Commonwealth 1,500 metre champion, said: "He is undiplomatic and says things which are politically incorrect." But he also said that Mr Tunstall "loves sport with a passion unequalled by anyone in Australia".

Last month he criticised a raunchy calendar featuring some top female athletes. "This is definitely not giving sport a good image," he said.

Those who know him insist he has always championed the cause of handicapped sportsmen and women. The problem, they say, is that he cannot express himself clearly.

Perhaps it is something to do with his life in the no-nonsense world of boxing: Mr Tunstall has been secretary-general of the Amateur Boxing Union of Australia since 1953. As one Sydney newspaper said: "After nine Commonwealth Games he should, like all old boxers, know the ropes. He has dropped his guard one too many. The time has come for Arthur Tunstall to retire from the ring."

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MARK WILSON



Arthur Tunstall, chef de mission of the Australian team, trying to evade media attention after his claim of embarrassment over disabled competitors

Man found guilty of damaging sheep 'art'

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE man whose "artistic contribution" to an exhibit of a dead sheep suspended in formaldehyde was to turn it black by adding ink was found guilty of criminal damage yesterday, but given a conditional discharge.

Mark Bridger emptied the ink into the tank containing Damien Hirst's pickled sheep, entitled *Away from the Flock*, while it was on display at the Serpentine Gallery in London.

Mr Bridger, described as an unemployed artist but now working as a part-time English teacher, relabelled the work Mark Bridger, *Black Sheep*, 1994, before giving his business card to gallery attendants and leaving.

Bridger told magistrates: "I understood the sculptor was intending to focus on mortality. I was in a *carpe diem* frame of mind, and having had the inspiration I formed the bold resolve to act upon it."

He said he believed he would have had the artist's consent to do this: "It was a little optimistic."

Although given a conditional discharge for two years, Bridger was not ordered to repay the £1,000 it cost to restore the exhibit to its original condition.

Mr Hirst said afterwards: "I am happy with the outcome. People can't just come in and mess with exhibits without the artist's consent. It could have been worse. Somebody could have decided to come in with a hammer."

Mormons pay BBC £6.5m for three farms

BY RACHEL KELLY
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE Mormons have bought three farms in Cambridgeshire from the BBC for £6.5 million, one of largest sales of its kind. It is the first significant investment the fundamentalist church has made in Britain.

The Mormons will farm professionally the 1,693 acre Woodwalton Estate, the 925 acre Pitt Dene Farm and the 1,130 acre Staple Leys Farmland to provide income for its welfare system.

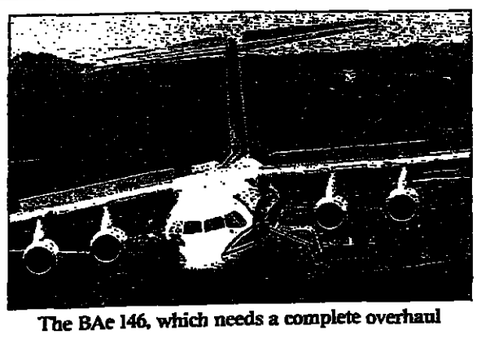
The BBC pension fund bought the farmland in Haddenham, Elsworth and Huntingdon ten years ago and has sold it at a loss of just under £500,000. The BBC sold the farms as part of "an overall strategic investment decision".

Bryan Grant, a spokesman for the Mormons, said the farms would not be run as communes. "The church uses its money wisely because it comes from sacred sources in the donations from members."

The Mormon church, founded in 1830, has been in Britain for more than 150 years and has more than 160,000 members. Worldwide, its 8.1 million members are expected to donate a tenth of their salary to the church.

"We have a small farm in Worcestershire, but this is the first significant investment we have made in Britain," Mr Grant said.

The farms produce winter wheat, oil seeds, spring beans, barley, potatoes and sugar beet.



The BAe 146, which needs a complete overhaul

Prince's crash jet repair to cost £2m

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE taxpayer will have to pick up a bill of at least £2 million for damage to a jet, piloted by the Prince of Wales, which slewed off the runway on the Scottish Isle of Islay in June.

The crippled four-engined BAe 146 of the Queen's Flight was given special clearance to make a single flight yesterday with its landing gear firmly locked down from Islay to the Queen's Flight base at RAF Benson, Oxfordshire, for a complete repair.

The damage, caused when the aircraft left the runway with three burst tyres and tipped on to its nose, is much greater than originally thought.

Royal Air Force engineers discovered that not only was the undercarriage seriously damaged but the radar in the nose was a write-off and the forward pressure bulkhead was rippled by the force of the crash landing.

British Aerospace experts have been asked to carry out a complete repair programme that is expected to last at least until December. The Ministry of Defence is still negotiating a price with BAe, which makes the aircraft, and would therefore not comment on the final cost.

It is estimated, however, that to rebuild the aircraft to the standards demanded of the Queen's Flight will cost well over £1 million and possibly as much as £3 million.

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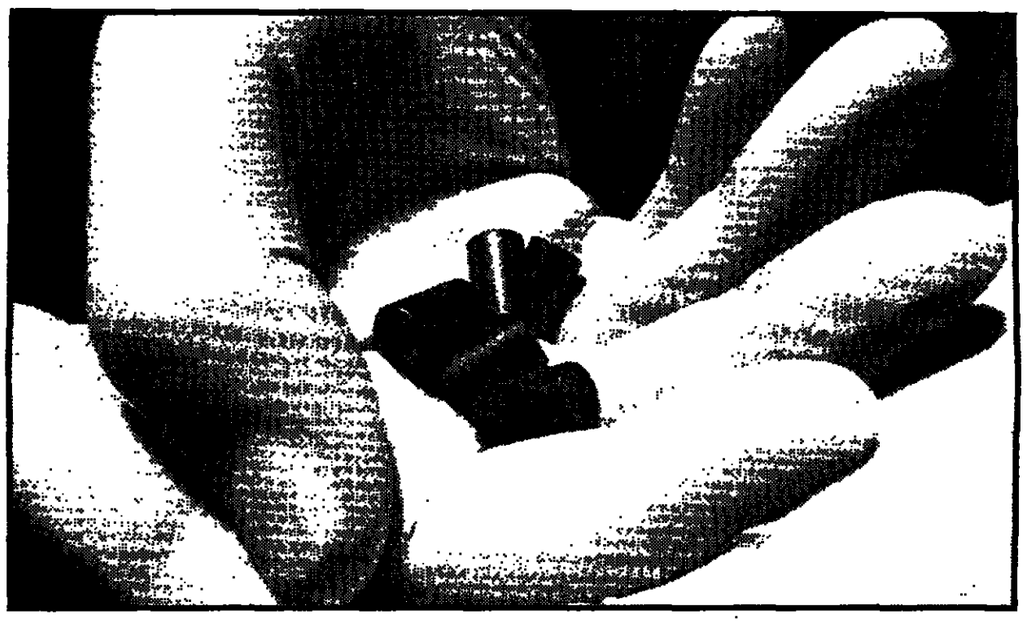
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Dyslexic pupil, 11, leads honours for A levels

By Ben Preston
Education Correspondent

ALEXANDER Faludy, an 11-year-old who has dyslexia, yesterday became the youngest person to pass an English A-level even though he can write only two words a minute.

Alexander, who gained a grade B, had to dictate his coursework and examination essays into a tape recorder.

His remarkable achievement stood out yesterday among the thousands of students celebrating as the A-level pass rate leapt to a record, including a select few who emerged with five or, in one case, six straight As.

Alexander, from Drayton, Portsmouth, was born with a neurological fault that impairs his co-ordination. When he started school, some teachers thought he was backward and he was picked on by bullies.

But his parents, Andrew, 39, and Tanya, 37, both English teachers, recognised his dyslexia and nurtured his talents at home.

For his A level, Alexander studied works including Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra* and John Milton's *Paradise Lost*. He said yesterday: "This is the climax of two years' enjoyable work. I loved



Alexander Faludy: had to dictate his essays

the metaphysical poets the most, they dealt with ideas and situations that are still relevant today."

Alexander, who has an IQ of 172 and became a member of Mensa at the age of seven, said: "I was nervous waiting for the result but now I am just full of joy to have passed. I have to let it sink in before I decide what to do next."

He said learning would be much easier without dyslexia: "I could read many of the books slowly but wherever a full tape of a book was available I used that, although they are very expensive." For his A level he took lessons with a personal tutor from Fareham College.

Mr Faludy said: "We first realised that our son was bright when he was three years old. He would wake up in the night and recite word-perfectly *Thomas the Tank Engine* stories after hearing them only twice.

"Because people made fun of him at school Alexander was demoralised, so we had to find a way for him to show what he could do. It's impossible for him to write more than two words in a minute and even then they are completely illegible."

At the age of eight Alexander, a pupil at Portsmouth Grammar School, listened to his father's tape of *Othello*. Mr Faludy said: "We asked him what he thought of it and taped his response. I transcribed that and gave it to a colleague to mark without saying who was the author. It was graded B for GCSE."

Mr Faludy persuaded the examination board that his son should be allowed to dictate his GCSE English literature exam and he passed it first time at the age of nine.

Nicholas Heath-Brown, deputy editor of the *Guinness Book of Records*, said there had been mathematics and computer studies passes at an earlier age but he did not know of anyone younger passing an A level in English literature.

The only student to achieve six grade As this year was Beth Wootten, 17, of Polam Hall girls' school in Darlington, Co Durham. But she postponed toasting her success in mathematics, further mathematics, physics, German, statistics and general studies. Beth, who will study mathematics at Oxford University, said: "I am going to celebrate on holiday, though I won't be able to have a drink as I'm not 18 until August 31."

Sarah Jennings, a pupil at King Edward VI Five Ways School in Birmingham, who is profoundly deaf, celebrated four A-level passes. She received an A in classical civilisation, B in history, C in English and D in general studies.

Two pupils at Manchester High School for Girls gained five grade-A passes. Sharon Balamoody and Helen Dawson, both 18, also gained top marks in AS-level French.

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CHRIS HARRIS



Jill Gledhill hugs her daughter Katie, who gained two grade As at the Mid-Warwickshire College

A-LEVELS AT TOP STATE SCHOOLS

	Candidates	Points
Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe — GM sel boys	181	25.1
King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford — GM sel boys	104	25.0
Henrietta Barnett School — VA sel girls	91	23.4
Newstead Wood School for Girls, Orpington — GM sel girls	91	23.0
Judd School, Tonbridge — VA sel boys	94	23.0
Chelmsford High School for Girls — GM sel girls	102	22.7
Latymer School, Enfield — GM sel mixed	182	22.7
Skinners' School, Tunbridge Wells — GM sel boys	85	22.6
Kendrick Girls' Grammar School, Reading — GM sel girls	93	22.4
Reading School — GM sel boys	98	21.9
Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School, Lincs — GM sel girls	76	22.0
Tiffin School, Kingston-upon-Thames — GM sel boys	110	22.0
Colchester County High School for Girls — GM sel girls	203	21.8
Devonport High School for Boys — GM sel boys	73	21.8
Dr Challoner's Grammar School — VC sel boys	160	21.8
Newport Girls' High School, Newport, Salop — GM sel girls	39	21.7
Pate's Grammar School, Gloucester — GM sel mixed	151	21.1
Dartford Grammar School for Girls — GM sel girls	112	20.9
Queen Mary's High School, Walsall — GM sel girls	75	21.1
Tunbridge Wells Grammar School —GM sel girls	108	20.3
Tiffin Girls' School, Kingston-upon-Thames — GM sel girls	90	20.1
Bournemouth School — GM sel boys	122	20.0
Lancaster Royal Grammar School — GM sel boys	122	20.0
King Edward VI Camp Hill School (Boys) — GM sel boys	92	20.0
Altrincham Grammar School — GM sel girls	72	19.9
Beaconsfield High School — GM sel girls	120	19.9
Maidstone Grammar School for Boys — GM sel boys	202	19.8
King Edward VI Handsworth School, Birm. — GM sel girls	113	19.8
Silverdale School, Sheffield — CM comp mixed	107	19.7
Colchester Royal Grammar School — GM sel boys	97	19.7
Wycombe High School — VC sel girls	139	19.7
Burnham Grammar School, Bucks — CM sel mixed	67	19.6
Tonbridge Grammar School for Girls — GM sel girls	137	19.6
Westcliff High School for Boys, Essex — GM sel boys	106	19.5
Aylesbury Grammar School — VC sel boys	155	19.4
Hasmonean High School — VA comp mixed	230	19.4
Cranbrook School, Kent — GM sel mixed	122	19.3
Highworth Grammar School, Ashford — GM sel girls	87	19.3
Langley School — GM sel mixed	62	19.3
St John's School, Marlborough — GM comp mixed	83	19.3
Dartford Grammar School — GM sel boys	86	19.0
The Grammar School for Girls Wilmington, Kent — GM sel girls	50	19.0
Ermysted's Grammar School, Skipton, N.Yorks — VA sel boys	67	19.0
Woodford County High School, Redbridge — CM sel girls	92	19.0
Sutton Grammar School for Boys — GM sel boys	52	19.0
Sir William Borlase's Grammar School, Bucks — GM sel boys	110	19.0
Colyton Grammar School, Devon		19.0
St Olave's Grammar School, Orpington — GM sel boys	91	18.9
Ilford County High School, Essex — CM sel boys	103	18.8
The Old Grammar School, Sussex	13	18.8
Poole Grammar School, Dorset — GM sel boys	116	18.4
King Edward VI Five Ways School, Birmingham — GM sel boys	94	18.4
Wolverhampton Girls' High School — GM sel girls	67	18.3
Caistor Grammar School, Lincs, GM sel mixed	38	18.3
King Edward VI Aston School, Birmingham — GM sel boys	87	18.2
Adams' Grammar School, Newport, Shropshire — GM sel boys	52	18.0

Points are calculated on the average score for university entrance. Grade A at A-level is worth 10; B 8; C 6; D 4 E 2. At AS-level, A is worth 5, B 4, C 3, D 2 E 1.

Boys turn tables in exams at single sex schools

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

BOYS' schools began to turn the tables after a year of supremacy for single-sex girls' schools when A-level results were posted yesterday.

The Royal Grammar School in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, emerged as the top state school, a position it enjoyed two years ago. Another boys' school, King Edward VI Grammar School in Chelmsford, Essex, also achieved an average of more than three B grades per pupil.

Grammar schools, many of them grant-maintained, filled most of the leading positions in the first survey of A-level results. The independent sector does not publish results until the end of next week, when *The Times* will carry a full listing of the top schools.

Some schools could not be contacted for results yesterday, and others were waiting until their pupils had received the news before going public. But there was considerable movement among the top schools that were releasing results.

The Royal Grammar School, which had 25 sixth-formers with three grade As, did not feature in the top ten state schools when the Government published last year's performance tables. Chelmsford County High School for Girls, which was top then, has slipped to sixth place in the preliminary table published today.

David Levin, the headmaster of the RGS, said: "This did not look like being an outstanding year by any means. I told them last October that they were heading for the worst results for a decade, and everybody is extremely pleased by the way they responded."

The results are the best in the history of the school, and may yield more than 20 places at Oxford or Cambridge universities. Mr Levin said: "There has been so much publicity about single-sex girls' schools recently, it is refreshing to show that we can compete."

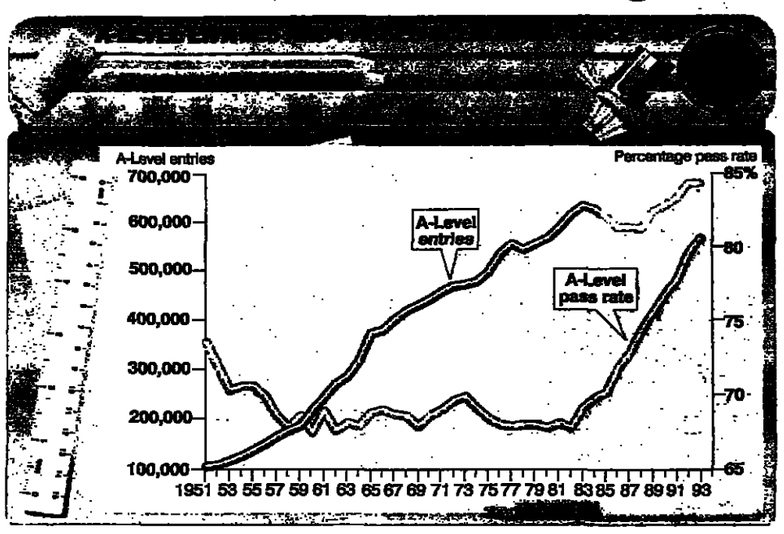
The RGS is grant-maintained, but allows the Buckinghamshire education authority to handle its admissions. Almost all of its boys are local, selected from the top 25 per cent of the ability range. "We have no desire to follow the superselective route. What pleases me most is that we can achieve results like this as a community grammar school."

Both Chelmsford grammar schools again featured in the top six. Five girls at the County High School achieved five A grades, and the school bucked the national trend with outstanding science results. Manchester High School for Girls also boasted two pupils with five grade A passes, as well as top-grade AS levels.

Only Latymer School, in Enfield, north London, broke the stranglehold of single-sex schools at the top of the table. Of the other schools in the ten leading positions, five were for boys and four for girls.

However, two Ulster boys injured in a flamethrower attack as they sat their A-levels failed to get technology results they had hoped for. Darran Crawford and Stephen Cross-land, both 18, suffered 40 per cent burns after a man burst into the examination room at Sullivan Upper Grammar School at Holywood, Co Down, and poured petrol over him.

They had just finished the last of three tests in design and technology, but the papers were lost in the flames which swept across the assembly hall and it meant they had to be assessed on classwork. Both were disappointed with C and E grades.



The steep rise in pass rates dates from the mid-1980s when the system of ranking changed. It coincides with an education revolution — the proportion of teenagers who sit A levels has risen from 3.1 per cent in 1951 to almost a third today



University vacancies

A-LEVEL results are in, but the agony continues for thousands of university hopefuls. *The Times* will be running a daily information service on degree vacancies from Wednesday. And on August 27 the definitive table of the top schools, state and independent, at A-level.

BMA claims public backing on pay

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

THE British Medical Association yesterday claimed public backing for its stand against performance-related pay for hospital doctors.

An opinion poll commissioned by the BMA showed that more than half those questioned believed that pay should continue to be determined by independent review, with only 19 per cent favouring pay scales set by local trust managements. More than half also agreed that paying NHS hospital doctors of equal seniority at a standard rate served patients' needs better than performance-related pay.

The BMA sees those findings, from a Mori poll of 2,000 adults across the country, as backing for its campaign against locally determined and performance-related pay. John Chawner, chairman of the BMA's consultants committee, warned of the "universal worry" throughout the country about local pay plans.

Baroness Cumberledge, junior health minister, saw the poll differently. "The survey shows that, even at this early stage, a significant proportion of the population supports the notion of local pay," she said.

"I am sure that most people, if the issues were put to them ... would agree that there is sense in relating some element of what clinicians are paid to the quality of the care they provide for patients. Indeed, *NHS consultants themselves* recognise this with their system of distinction awards."

In the poll, 13 per cent agreed that doctors should be paid according to their performance against a list of factors including business needs, and 9 per cent said they should be paid according to whether their patients do as well as might be expected.

Health alert on PCs

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

PERSONAL computers sold in Britain are to carry warnings about the possible risks of injury from over-using keyboards.

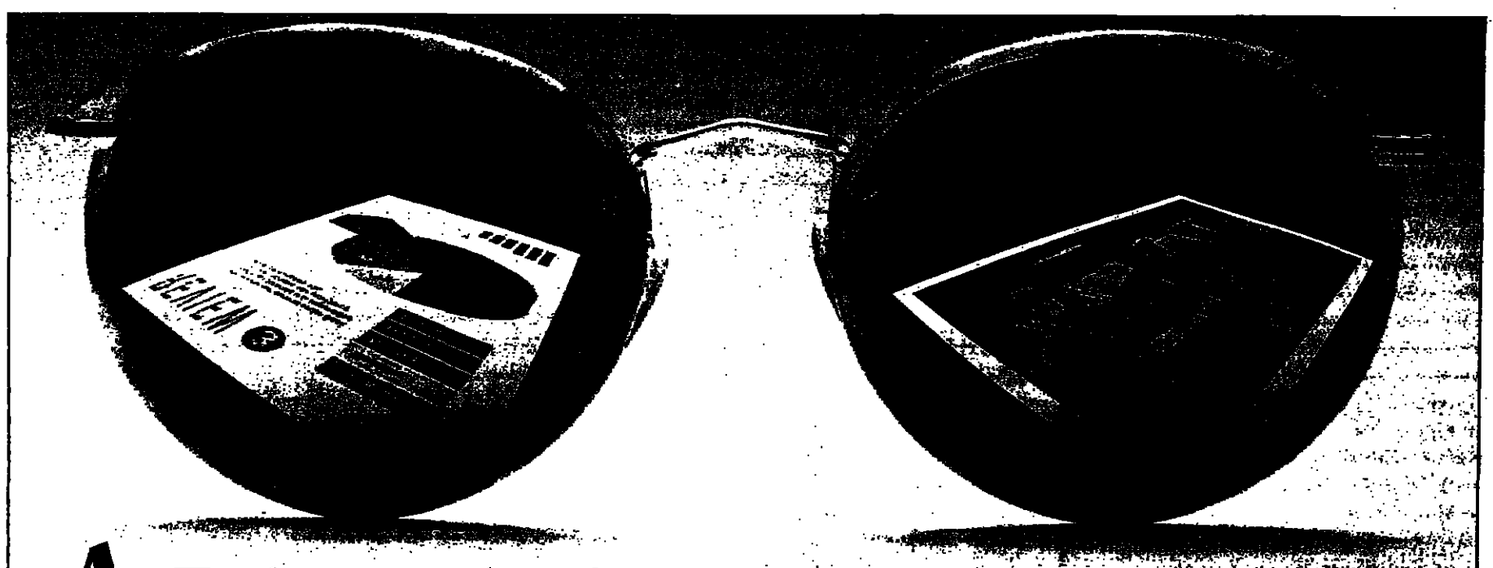
The American firm Compaq decided to act after a court ruling in the United States which obliges it to alert computer users to the potential dangers from RSI, or repetitive strain injury.

From the autumn, Compaq keyboards sold in Britain will carry a sticker saying: "Warning! To reduce risk of serious injury to hands, wrists and other joints, read Safety and Comfort Guide."

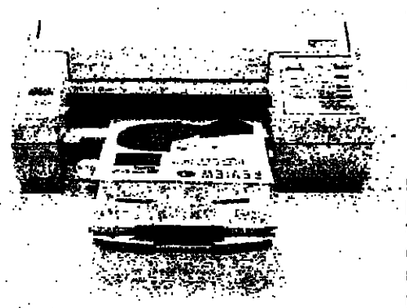
Another firm, Microsoft, said it would be issuing keyboard warnings about RSI on equipment sold in Britain from September 6.

Other firms, including ICL, IBM and Apricot, said yesterday that they were tackling the issue of RSI in different ways. A spokeswoman for IBM in Britain said: "We have a different approach," which included issuing ergonomic information about keyboard breaks, seating and proper posture.

Peter Stuart, business development manager of client server systems at ICL, said labels were irrelevant if companies invested in keyboards which were properly designed. "These labels are an excuse ... I think they are an attempt to avoid lawsuits".



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School nurse in sex lesson row praised by report

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A SCHOOL nurse denounced by ministers for telling pupils as young as ten about oral sex has been praised in an official report into the controversy.

Far from criticising Susan Brady, 44, for replying honestly to questions in a health education lesson, the inquiry commends the "high motives" underpinning her actions at Highfield Primary School in Shadwell, Leeds.

The report, which was ordered by John Patten, the former Education Secretary, who was "incensed" by the "value-free" lessons last March, said: "There is no basis for any suggestion that the lessons took place in a moral vacuum." Mrs Brady had handled the situation "sensitively and responsibly".

The report concluded, however, that some matters were not relevant to sex education for ten-year-olds, should not have been discussed and could cause offence to parents. Mrs Brady, a devout Christian and mother of two, had talked about the use of Mars bars in sex parties. The report, chaired by Jacquie Strong, director of education for Leeds, lays down guidelines on sex education and makes recommendations to avoid similar situations. The governors of Highfield school expressed delight at the outcome and looked forward to Mrs Brady continuing sex education lessons. Ann O'Brien, chairwoman of the school governors, said: "We are pleased that Nurse Brady's professionalism and integrity have been fully recognised."

In March the school came under the spotlight for its "pupil-driven" teaching methods in which difficult questions raised by children were answered rather than deflected. The style of teaching was devised by Mrs Brady, a nurse for 23 years, with colleagues in the Leeds Community and Mental Health Services Teaching Trust. It worked within guidelines set by the National Curriculum.



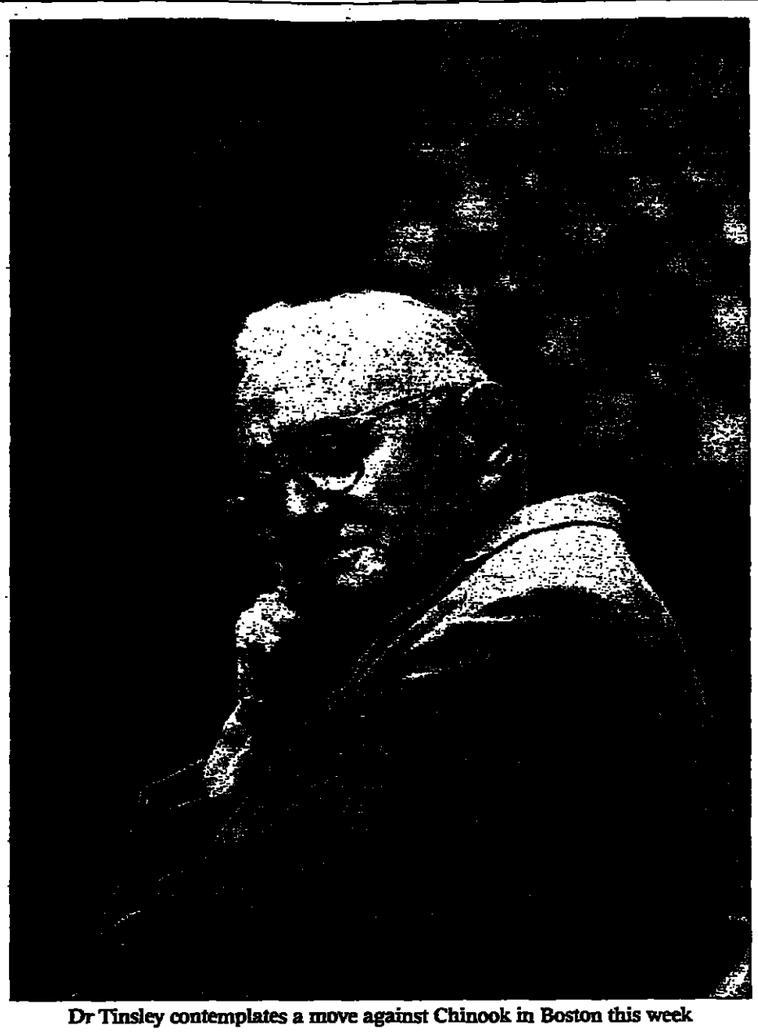
Patten: "incensed" by value-free lessons

Mr Patten said he never wanted to hear again of a similar case but the Royal College of Nursing and managers of the Leeds community and mental health services exonerated Mrs Brady.

Mrs Strong's report, which is being sent to Gillian Shephard, the new Education Secretary, said there were "several lessons to be learnt from this episode".

While two parents had telephoned the school to express concern about the content of the lessons, inquiries showed most parents supported the nurse and the school, the report said. "All have acted in good faith in what they believed to be the best interests of the children."

The report recommends that appropriately trained teachers should give sex education lessons, where possible, rather than "external providers", that sex education should be part of the whole curriculum and not a separate package, and that staff should be aware of the implications of using "pupil-driven" methods.



Dr Tinsley contemplates a move against Chinook in Boston this week

Draughts champ tests his faith against computer

FROM RAYMOND KEENE IN BOSTON

A COMPUTER is on the verge of becoming the world draughts champion.

Dr Marion Tinsley, 67, a retired mathematics professor from Atlanta, who is defending his world draughts title in Boston's Computer Museum, faces defeat by the Canadian computer program Chinook, which has not dropped a point in 135 clashes in the past year against first-class opposition.

Tinsley, a champion since 1954 and the dominant figure in world draughts, is a celebrity in Boston, where his portrait is on the wall of the Cheers bar, made famous by the television series.

In London two years ago Tinsley narrowly beat off Chinook's first challenge by the score of four wins to two with 33 draws.

At that time, draughts officials, sceptical of human ability to out-think a monster calculating machine, had said that the championship match between a man and a computer was an unequal struggle, like "pitting a human weightlifter against a forklift truck". Nevertheless, in that first clash the forklift truck was defeated.

In the past two years, though, the powers of the Chinook program, brainchild of Professor Jonathan Schaeffer of the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada, supported by the British draughts expert Martin Bryant, of Manchester, have been greatly increased.

Chinook's 1992 overall database of draughts positions was a mere 40 billion. It is now 250 billion.

What may, though, prove to be Dr Tinsley's saving grace, is that there are 500 billion billion different draughts positions — huge tracts of unexplored territory, even for a computer.

In the past Tinsley has been supremely confident in his own powers, a confidence reinforced by his religious faith. Before facing Chinook in London two years ago he said: "Chinook has an excellent programmer, Jonathan Schaeffer, but mine is better. I am programmed by God."

Before the Boston match, though, Tinsley claimed that God had personally appeared to him in a dream saying, "I love Jonathan too." This came as something of a shock to a man who has always believed that God was firmly on his side.

The first six games (out of 30) have ended with honours even, but the strain on Tinsley is showing. He postponed Wednesday's games, complaining of stress.

Classic fate for Chevvie

A classic car fan who has died of cancer is to go to his grave with his 1964 Thunderbird convertible. Cherilyn Tanzell, 47, of Bristol, is to carry out her husband Cliff's last wishes by having the car crushed and buried with his ashes.

Mrs Tanzell, who drives a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro, said: "They were inseparable in life so they should stay together forever. He hated the thought of villains digging it up and taking parts off it."

Pothole death

Allan Box, 32, from Bishop Auckland, Tyne and Wear, fell to his death while potholing in the Picos de Europa, Spain. He was the third Briton to die in the famous Hoyuca caves in the past three years.

Car stolen

A South Wales Police patrol car was stolen from the hard shoulder of the M4 as the officers questioned a motorist. The Vauxhall Senator was later found wrecked at Miskin, Mid Glamorgan.

Horse killed

A horse died when a horsebox carrying six animals crashed off the M2 at Faversham, Kent. A passing motorist managed to pull one of the horses free from the German-registered box.

Prisons chief

Clive Fairweather, 50, a former Army colonel, has been named HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland.

Scientists warn of pest plagues

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is facing plagues of poisonous spiders, including the black widow and recluse varieties, together with a surge in crop-damaging insects, according to scientists.

Two studies on the impact of global warming on pest numbers, at Cambridge University and the Institute of Arable Crops Research in Rothamsted, Hertfordshire, highlight possible damage to crops and countryside.

Ian Woiwod, an entymologist at Rothamsted and a co-author of one of the reports, said yesterday that the response to more crop and health threatening insects would probably be bigger tonnages of pesticides.

The reports, commissioned by Greenpeace, have been timed to coincide with an international meeting in Geneva next week to discuss cuts in carbon dioxide emissions, the gas linked with the so-called greenhouse effect.

Higher temperatures have already produced a surge in rats and cockroaches. Moths and slugs are on the increase and the scientists predict there will be bigger and more frequent outbreaks of such pests as cabbage root fly.

Sandflies, which normally breed only as far north as the Channel Islands, will extend northwards into mainland Britain with a small rise in annual temperatures.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Race for lead in Novgorod

After four rounds of the tournament in Novgorod, the highest ranked tournament ever held in the history of chess, the first to break the barrier of an average rating of 2700, the lead is jointly held by Garry Kasparov and Vassily Ivanchuk with 3 points. Further scores are: Shirov 2, Kramnik and Short 1.5, Bareev 1. In the following elegant game Kasparov outplayed the Latvian grandmaster Alexei Shirov.

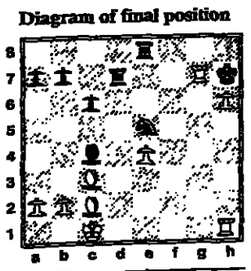
White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Alexei Shirov
Novgorod, August 1994

English Opening

1	c4	e5
2	Nc3	Bb4
3	Nd5	Be7
4	d4	d6
5	e4	c6
6	Nxe7	Qxe7
7	Ne2	f5
8	dxe5	Qxe5
9	exf5	Nf6
10	Qd4	Bxf5
11	Bf4	Qa5+
12	Qc3	Qxc3+
13	Nxc3	0-0
14	0-0-0	d5
15	Bd6	Rc8
16	f3	Nbd7
17	g4	Be6
18	g5	Ne8
19	cxd5	Bxd5
20	Bg3	Be6
21	Bd3	Nc5
22	Bc2	Rd8
23	h4	Bf7
24	Ne4	Nxe4
25	fxe4	Kf8
26	Rdf1	Kg8
27	h5	Rd7
28	Rf2	Nd6
29	g6	Be6
30	gxh7+	Kh8
31	h6	g6
32	Rf6	Re8
33	Rxg6	Nc4
34	Be1	Kxh7
35	Rg3	Ne5
36	Bc3	Bc4
37	Rg7+	Black resigns

After 37 ... Rxg7 38 hxg7+ Kxg7 39 Rh5 Kf6 40 Rf5+ wins a piece.

Diagram of final position



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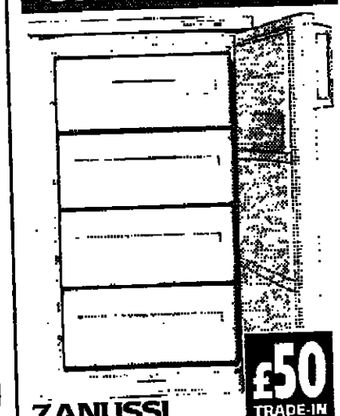


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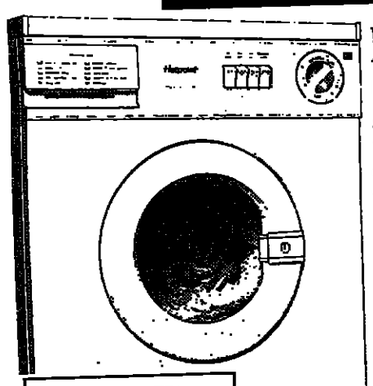


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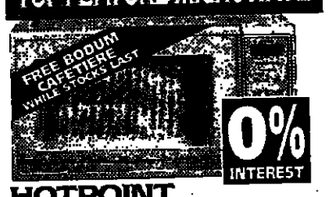
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Howard to set up world's first DNA crime database

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is to have the first criminal DNA database in the world, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is to announce soon.

He is to receive shortly an evaluation of a pilot study conducted by the forensic science service into the costs and operation of the world's most comprehensive database and plans to make an announcement in the next few weeks.

However, the proposal will not enable samples to be taken from convicted rapists and murderers currently serving prison sentences.

Mr Howard said yesterday: "Its an extremely important development that can be used in the fight against crime. The fact the someone knows that their DNA is recorded on a database may well be a very significant deterrent to prevent them committing further crime."

Mr Howard, speaking at a press conference at the Home Office, said it was possible that a DNA databank could have prevented the murder of Sandra Parkinson, the waitress who was raped and strangled at Salcombe in Devon.

Alan Conner, 32, committed suicide after raping a retired magistrate and murdering Miss Parkinson, 22. He had a previous conviction for rape and, if a DNA database had been in existence, detectives could have linked him with the rape of the JP after midnight mass in Ludlow on Christmas Eve 1992.

Senior police officers support the idea but have expressed concern at the cost, which they estimate to be about £30 million. They are concerned that the Home Office might expect them to meet the cost out of existing budgets.

Mr Howard said the pilot study had looked at ways of ensuring that the creation of a national database had sufficient safeguards to protect the innocent. Officials indicated that even if an initial sample was not destroyed, the information about it would not be used if a person was not charged or was subsequently found not guilty.

The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice recommended a national DNA database and wider powers for police to take DNA smples, which would put such evidence on a par with fingerprints.

The pilot study has looked at the mechanics of how a national DNA database would be set up. It would hold fingerprints and other samples that could be searched against existing records relating to convicted offenders or unsolved crime.

The database of genetic fingerprints, combined with wider police powers to take DNA samples contained in the Criminal Justice Bill is intended to improve police chances of securing convictions.

At present DNA may be taken only from suspects accused of serious arrestable offences such as murder, manslaughter, rape, certain terrorist offences and serious cases of theft.

Under the Bill presently going through Parliament, the police will have the power to take a non-intimate sample, which includes saliva or a swab from the mouth, without consent from all persons arrested for, or convicted of, a recordable offence. There are about 500,000 prosecutions for recordable offences annually.

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Criminal lawyers 'playing a game'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

CRIMINALS are walking free from court because the balance of justice has swung too far in favour of defence lawyers, the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire said yesterday. Richard Wells said the criminal justice system was often more of a game than the pursuit of truth.

"It is quite clear to the police service that in pursuit of the theatre, there are activities engaged on which focus less on the truth than they should," he said.

"When it actually comes to having to withdraw cases from prosecution for fear that observation posts will be revealed, names of informants will be revealed, and both subject to later reprisals from the criminal fraternity, it seems to me we are beginning to lose our sense of balance."

Mr Wells, who was presenting his annual report, added: "The fuss and the gallery-playing may be marvellous theatre for the principal players but leave the average member of the public bemused and frustrated — the more so if they are victim or jury member."

He told a press conference in Sheffield that aspects which especially worried officers were those in which people readily acknowledged their guilt after being caught red-handed then fell silent on the arrival of a solicitor.

"Similarly worrying are those instances where defence lawyers, often in the strongest prosecution cases, set out on a trawl for undisclosed material with which to draw red herrings across trails."

Mr Wells warned: "We watch robbers and drug traffickers walk away to continue their predatory lifestyle. It just doesn't make sense.

"Ironically, such irresponsibility will in the long run gravely undermine the cornerstone of the presumption of innocence."



Herd of prime Friesians killed by bolt of lightning

THESE prime Friesian cows were killed yesterday when they were struck by lightning at a farm in Thetford, Norfolk. The 22 pregnant cows, worth £60,000 and each weighing a quarter of a ton, were due to give birth to their calves next month. They died as they huddled behind a metal feeding rack to shelter from the rain at Snare Hill Farm.

Michael Wright, 41, the farmer, was said to be "devastated" by the loss of the cows. Les Timbrell, 42, his chief herdsman, said: "I have never seen anything like it in 15 years of working on farms.

"I was sheltering inside from the storm when I heard a loud crack as the lightning hit the field. It was only when I went outside that I saw the cows dead. It was one of the most horrific sights I have ever seen.

"They must have been hiding behind the rack with their backs to the rain when the lightning struck. A couple of the cows had scorch marks on their bodies — but the others which were lying around in a circle did not have a mark on them. They must have been killed instantly because their hooves were in contact with the rain-soaked ground which meant they were electrocuted more easily. It was like a person sticking his fingers in an electric socket while standing in a bucket of water.

"I have heard of odd cows being struck by lightning — but never this many in one go before." Mr Timbrell said Mr Wright had spent nearly 20 years building up the herd by selectively breeding cows to get the best milk producers. Each one was capable of producing up to 10,000 litres of milk a year. "It is a disaster that we should lose them all at once," added Mr Timbrell.

"We are hoping we may be able to get some insurance money — but the loss to the farm is far greater than the value of the cows," he said.

The Friesians, aged between five and seven, were among 155 on Mr Wright's farm, but were being kept in a separate field because they were in calf.

Man critical after follow-up surgery to remove swabs

A MAN is in a critical condition in hospital after an operation to remove two swabs from his abdomen which had been left during earlier surgery.

The patient, who has not been named and has a history of heart disease, suffered a heart attack during the second emergency operation at Doncaster Royal Infirmary. He had previously undergone a 12-hour operation in June. Staff involved in the operation have been suspended from working with patients until an inquiry has been completed.

Hazel Coad, the hospital trust's communications manager, said yesterday that the trust had kept the patient's family informed throughout.

"The family have requested that there be no publicity but that they be given a full explanation, which the trust will be happy to give." Jim McDougall, the hospital's Unison representative, said: "An inquiry is going on and our members are co-operating fully. We are all determined that if something went wrong, we must find out what happened to ensure it never happens again. The prime concern of all our staff is for the patient and for the welfare of future patients."

A lawyer specialising in medical injury claims said: "Incidents like this happen rarely. There is a strict procedure in an operating theatre intended to account for every item of equipment used."

Compensation, he said, depended on the circumstances. "If his condition has significantly deteriorated, then the compensation could be very significant."

WEEKEND SHOPPING

Fish lead shoal of best buys

THERE is a fine selection of seafood on offer this weekend, both in supermarkets and at fishmongers.

Oil rich species are still in great shape and sprats are coming into season. The best buy at the moment is skate at £3 per pound.

There are many reductions and promotions in the supermarkets. Beef and lamb have benefited from the recent weather in Britain. Look out also for bargains on pork and gammon.

Advertised best buys include:

Asda: chicken breast fillets £5.99 for 6; whole salmon £1.99 per pound; Chateau Vallaze £1.99 for 1½l.

Budgens: jumbo pork sausages 99p per pound; selected bananas 29p per pound.

Co-op: British rump steak £3.59 per lb; spicy vegetable quiche 99p; Lux white satin soap 99p for 4x125g.

Gateway: fresh British lamb shoulders £1.09 per pound; mixed peppers 99p; chip shop fish and chips 59p.

Iceland: cod bites 99p; great American pizza £1.99.

Marks & Spencer: lemon sole goujons £2.99; summer fruit compote £1.15.

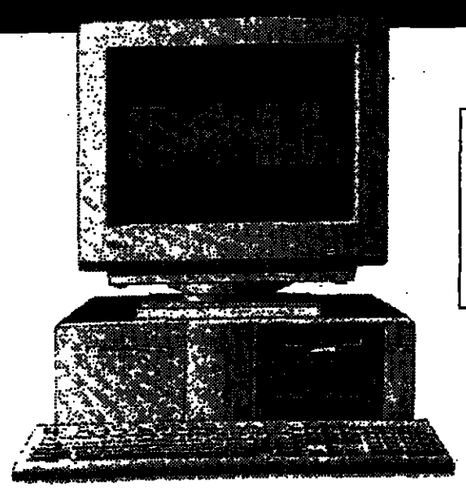
Safeway: rump steak £3.48 per pound; melons 99p; yoghurt assortment £1.73 for 8x125g.

Sainsbury's: prime unsmoked gammon joints £1.49 per pound; farmhouse cheddar £1.99 per pound; Czech pilsner £4.49 for 10.

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President defends achievements of his first 100 days

Mandela Cabinet vows to set up land claims court

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN, SOUTHERN AFRICA CORRESPONDENT, IN CAPE TOWN

PRESIDENT Mandela yesterday brought a defiant note to the end of his first 100 days, sternly defending his record, which has come under fire for lack of real achievement. He also announced new initiatives to bring reconciliation and redevelopment closer to the people.

He admitted that a number of lessons had been painfully learnt, and he made threatening noises to the Afrikaner-dominated civil service, declaring that it needed to be made "truly representative".

The President told a crowded National Assembly, the directly elected lower house of parliament, that he wanted to inculcate a culture for employees in the service "to take a pride in serving in outlying and underdeveloped areas", and promised to restructure salaries to reduce "the unacceptably wide gap between the lowest and the highest grades". The most significant announcement in the day came not during his speech, however, but from Derek Hanekom, the Minister of Land Affairs, who unveiled proposed legislation for dealing with the restitution of land seized from the non-white population during apartheid. Mr Hanekom said that the proposals were based on the experience of countries with ancestral land problems such as Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

His Bill will set up a land commission and a land claims court and will aim to provide either restitution of land or equivalent compensation in land elsewhere or in cash, for those dispossessed under racial legislation since 1913.

Mr Hanekom maintained that he wanted matters cleared up quickly, to end uncertainty about possible expropriation among white farmers. All claims must be entered with the commission within three years, and he expected them all to be concluded within five years. "We would like to consider this problem didn't exist any more after then," he said.

The legislation is likely to affect 700,000 people in rural areas, and another 700,000 who suffered under urban dispossession schemes. Mr Mandela acknowledged that there were still urgent problems such as East Rand and Natal violence, killing of security force members, kidnapping of children and drug trafficking.

He also acknowledged criticism of the proposed Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which has generated fears that it will turn into kind of a Nuremberg trial with the victors in the struggle for democracy taking vengeance on former oppressors. Mr Mandela said that Dullah Omar, the Justice Minister, was still working to achieve broad agreement.

The President received a standing ovation, with cheers and whistling from the public gallery as he entered the chamber. Afterward he had read his speech the applause was somewhat subdued.

Listing the successes of his first 100 days, he singled out the scheme for providing free medical treatment for pregnant mothers and children under six, the response to which, he said, had been "overwhelming". He promised further funding to a clinic building programme.

On the promise that primary school children would be entitled to a daily meal, he said that preparatory work has been completed to cater for half the number of pupils in areas of desperate need by next month. Implementation should by September.

He praised the speed of a township electrification programme, and said that plans for township building and restoration in a number of places have already been prepared.



President Mandela in the parliamentary chamber in Cape Town yesterday before delivering a speech marking his first 100 days in office

Rwanda pygmy describes ordeal in war zone

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A RWANDAN Twa pygmy yesterday described how he led a terrified group of women and children to safety during the civil war.

For three weeks, Charles Uwiragye hid with his wife and eight children, and 20 other orphans and women, in a ruined house as the sounds of fighting drew closer. They had no food and only stagnant rain water to drink.

When soldiers arrived and beat down the door of the room where they were hiding the pygmy leader said: "Shoot us and let us die quickly . . . "please don't hack us to death."

On April 6 Mr Uwiragye was at his home near Kigali airport when he heard the aircraft carrying moderate President Habyarimana being shot down — the signal for hardline Hutus to begin a massacre.

"Immediately, the shooting started and everyone started to hide," he said.

Mr Uwiragye, 44, led his group out of Kigali. "For three days we hid in plantations and marshy areas and there was shooting all around us."

Speaking in London yesterday during a three-day visit at the invitation of Survival International, the pygmy leader said: "We found an abandoned house with just one room intact. We all hid there for three weeks and had nothing to eat for all those days. I don't know how we survived. It is a miracle to me."

The soldiers who found the group were victorious Rwanda Patriotic Front troops. The 300,000 Twa pygmies of Rwanda have traditionally been despised by Hutus and Tutsis, but the RPF troops were concentrating on killing their military foes.

"We had to walk 30 kilometres (19 miles) with the soldiers to an area they had liberated. On the way we managed to find some sweet potatoes, which you can eat raw, some sorghum stalks and some bananas."

They made their way to Byumba refugee camp on the Ugandan border. "There is no desease there because the Red Cross has been very active. My wife and children are still there.

"During our march to the camp, we passed by my house and it was destroyed. The Twa workshops, with carpentry for boys and sewing for girls, were looted."



Uwiragye pleaded for his group to die quickly

Oil strike and unrest cripple Nigeria

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

UNREST in Nigeria spread ominously north and east yesterday, as oil workers' leaders vowed to continue a crippling six-week strike despite being dismissed by the military regime on Wednesday.

The oil workers have been on strike since the beginning of July in protest at the arrest of Chief Moshood Abiola, who is presumed to have won last year's annulled elections. Chief Abiola was charged with treason after declaring himself president in June.

About 5,000 people chanting anti-government slogans rioted in Benin City, 150 miles east of Lagos, and set a hotel on fire. In Kaduna, the political centre of northern Nigeria, hundreds of people marched through the city in protest against the dismissal of the union leaders by the military leader, General Sani Abacha.

"There are demonstrations going on right now in Kaduna," one resident said. "People are carrying anti-Abacha placards." The demonstrators condemned the dismissal of the executives of the oil unions Nupeng and Pengassan, and of the umbrella Nigeria Labour Congress union federation. In Lagos, police sealed off the three unions' headquarters, and police were stationed on main roads and at bus terminals.

Frank Kokori, general secretary of Nupeng, said: "We will fight to the last. We must halt this arbitrary dictatorship."

The military's crackdown caused the reference price of Brent crude North Sea oil to rise through the key $17-a-barrel level yesterday morning. Brent crude October futures were trading at $17.10 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange.

Britain said it "deeply regretted the turn of events" in Nigeria. The banning of the trade union leadership was "a further regressive act".

Hess advert whips up Namibia storm

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN

EVIDENCE that nostalgia for Nazi Germany still exists in Namibia, Germany's former colony in southern Africa, came this week with the appearance of a full-page advertisement in a local newspaper commemorating the death seven years ago of Rudolf Hess, Adolf Hitler's deputy.

The advertisement in the *Windhoek Advertiser* remembered Hess, who died a pitifully lonely figure in Spandau prison, as a "martyr for peace". It compared him with Christ, a blasphemy which has caused outrage in Namibia.

Hans Schumacher, the German Ambassador, declared himself disgusted by the advertisement. It would, he said, have been illegal in Germany as it would have violated discrimination laws and contained blasphemous and inflammatory statements. He said if it had been placed by German citizens in Namibia he would try to have them prosecuted if they returned to Germany.

The advertisment was in fact placed by Elizabeth Haas, who lives in Windhoek. She yesterday denied that she was a Nazi, or even a Nazi sympathiser. She was, she claimed, "just for peace".

Hess was tried at Nuremberg after the war for war-crimes and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Namibia still has a large German element among its population. Street names often reflect the colonial past, and *bierhausen* and restaurants still reflect old-fashioned German taste.

☐ **Windhoek:** Policemen who helped South Africa fight Swapo guerrillas before Namibia's independence have won the right to return home. The Namibian High Court ruled yesterday that the Swapo government had acted illegally in deporting the men and their families. *(Reuter)*

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Daughter of turbulent political dynasty takes helm in Sri Lanka

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN COLOMBO

CHANDRIKA Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, 49, daughter of one of Asia's most prominent political families, will be sworn in today as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. A nationwide curfew in force since Tuesday is being lifted during daylight hours in a cautious return to normality.

Tuesday's general election did not give her outright victory, but with allies she mustered a slender parliamentary majority. Sinhalese nationalists are appalled that she owes her survival to small groups backed by Tamils and Muslims, who will seek political concessions.

She has promised to reach out to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam to end a decade-old civil war concentrated in the north of the country. Given her slim majority, however, she will be restrained from making bold gestures. The Tigers boycotted the election, which they may now see as a blunder: with such a narrow outcome they might have been a potent force had they captured the ten parliamentary seats in Jaffna, their stronghold, and others in the east of the country, where there are also large numbers of Tamils.



Benazir Bhutto, left, Pakistan's Prime Minister, and Begum Khalida Zia, her Bangladeshi counterpart

This will be the first time in 17 years that the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, once a radically left-wing organisation that nationalised and controlled most of the economy, has held power. It is a different party now, committed to the marketplace and determined to continue the economic reforms that have significantly increased the nation's wealth in the past three years.

A political killing brought Mrs Bandaranaike Kumaratunga to power, just as it did Benazir Bhutto in Pakistan and Begum Khalida Zia in Bangladesh. Her father was gunned down in 1959. In 1988 her husband, a popular film actor turned politician, was shot. Safety fears dominated her campaign. Sometimes on a whim, sometimes on a tip-off or a threat, she cancelled meetings and dispatched her helicopter with a tape-recorded speech instead. Threats of assassination have haunted her always: after her husband was killed she moved to London for three years.

Political ambition asserted itself in fits and bursts. In the 1980s she left the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, founded by her father, and set up her own party. After returning from London she tried to rejoin her own organisation, but failed: another politician had hijacked it. So she went back to the family political business.

There have been moments of boldness, even rashness. In 1987 she went with her husband to Jaffna, stronghold of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, for direct talks with the rebels to try to secure the release of hostages. This was a dangerous gamble for a Sinhalese politician.

Mrs Bandaranaike Kumaratunga brings intellectual weight to the prime ministership. She studied political science at the Sorbonne and has impressed Western diplomats with her international outlook and gut feeling for politics. She is a formidable speaker, giving a theatrical flourish to campaign tours. Without her, the People's Alliance, a coalition of left-wing and centrist parties, would almost certainly have lost. She towers over both the alliance and the SLFP, its dominant partner.

Her Cabinet will be sworn in today. President Wijetunga, who belongs to the rival United National Party, can claim any portfolio he wishes under the constitution. The incoming government will probably decide to live with this bizarre arrangement pending presidential elections in October or November, which its own candidate can expect to win. Mrs Bandaranaike Kumaratunga is expected to be her party's candidate since the presidency is far more powerful than the prime ministership. Her party manifesto pledged to change from a presidential to a parliamentary system, but that would require a two-thirds majority vote, which she does not command.

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Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, who is to be sworn in as Prime Minister today after mustering a slender parliamentary majority

Nasreen to fight 'darkness' of fundamentalism

BY NICHOLAS GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

TASLIMA Nasreen, coming out of hiding for the first time since fleeing from Bangladesh to Sweden last week, pledged yesterday to continue her fight against "fundamentalist insanity" which she says is spreading darkness in the world.

The feminist author said she would return to Bangladesh when things had cooled down and would not change her attitudes or writings.

Death threats have been made against Ms Nasreen for allegedly insulting Islam. She had been in hiding for two months before appearing in the Bangladesh High Court which granted her bail. A week later she was spirited out of her country to Sweden.

Looking calm and in good humour, Ms Nasreen appeared in Stockholm to receive the Kurt Tucholsky prize. The prize, worth around £12,000, is awarded by the Swedish PEN club which invited her to Sweden. It is given annually to a writer living in exile. Salman Rushdie was a winner in 1992. She thanked the Swedish government for helping her to leave Bangladesh and said: "The prize confirms me in my resolve to fight for my ideals. I wish to continue my fight against fundamentalists, who are spreading darkness in many parts of the world.

"I know the fundamentalists want to silence me because I want women to come into their own as free and equal members of society and also because I want human life to be guided by reason and science, not by superstition and ignorance."

In Dhaka, the Bangladeshi capital, several hundred people gathered at a rally, shouting: "She must be hanged for insulting Islam. Wherever you go, Nasreen, death will follow you."

Previous similar rallies attracted thousands of people. One activist said yesterday: "We must keep Nasreen's death knell ringing."

The writer, who is working on a new novel, said she plans to visit Norway and France and other countries to which she has been invited.



Taslima Nasreen, right, with Birgit Friggebo, the Swedish Cultural Affairs Minister, yesterday

Malaysia TV bans effeminate men

FROM REUTER IN KUALA LUMPUR

MALAYSIA is banning effeminate men from appearing on television because it fears such "weaklings" could jeopardise the country's industrialisation drive, Datuk Mohammad Rahmat, the Information Minister, said yesterday.

"When a man behaves like a woman, we fear he will become non-productive later," he said. "We want our people to be strong, to work hard. When you're a man, show you're a man."

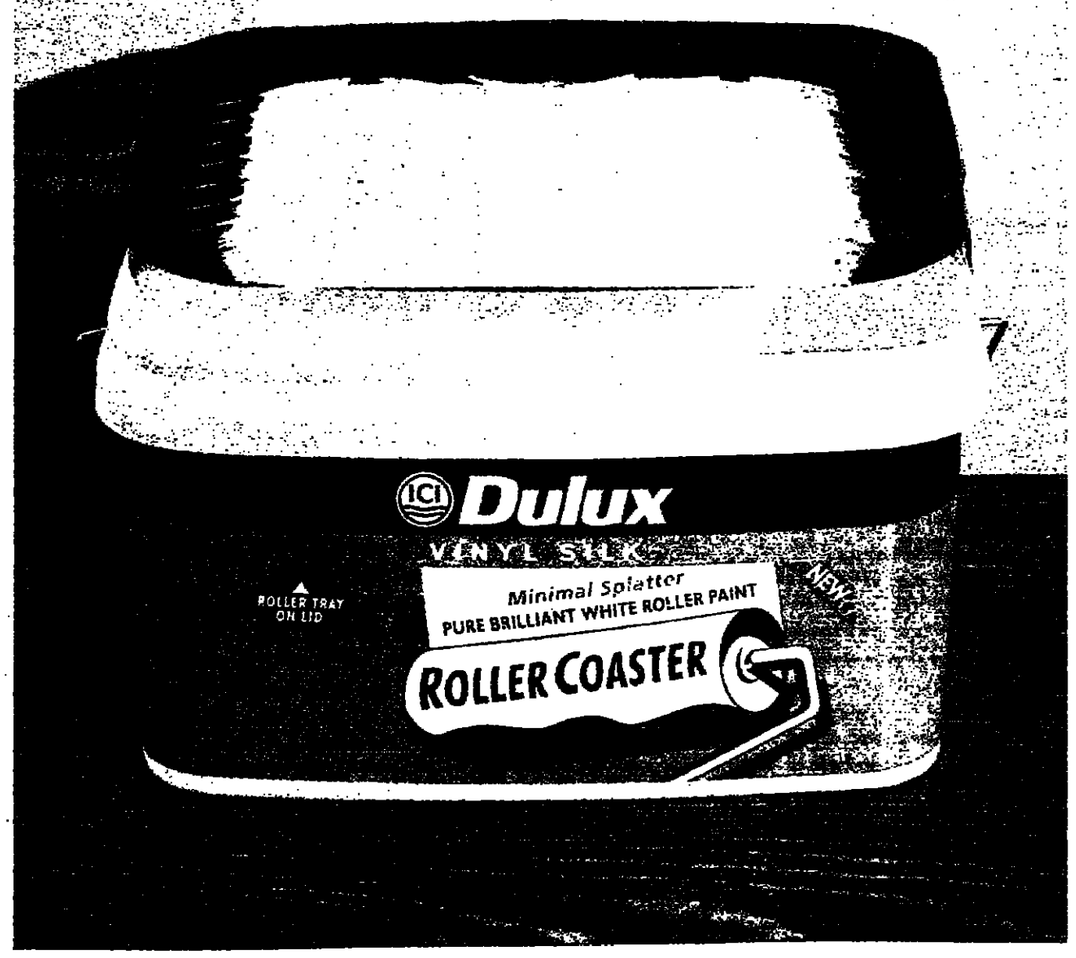
The minister was quoted by a Malaysian newspaper on Wednesday as saying that all homosexuals and transvestites would be banned from appearing on television programmes. He said later that the ban would not be that broad. Only men found to be "acting like a woman, talking like a woman" would be barred. He mentioned two Malaysian television programmes that are no longer being broadcast. One features two men dressed as women, and another, based on the American comedy *Three's Company*, included an effeminate male character.

"We are only talking about characters acting like the female," the minister said. "You're going to create weaklings. What we want are very strong Malaysians now." He said the policy was designed to complement the Prime Minister's "Vision 2020", Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed's policy of making Malaysia fully industrialised by 2020.

"We want to create a very healthy society," Mr Mohammad said. "I didn't say that we have banned homosexuals." No men have been barred from appearing on television so far, but the government "will check".

Karpal Singh, who is a lawyer and opposition MP, said the ban violated the constitution.

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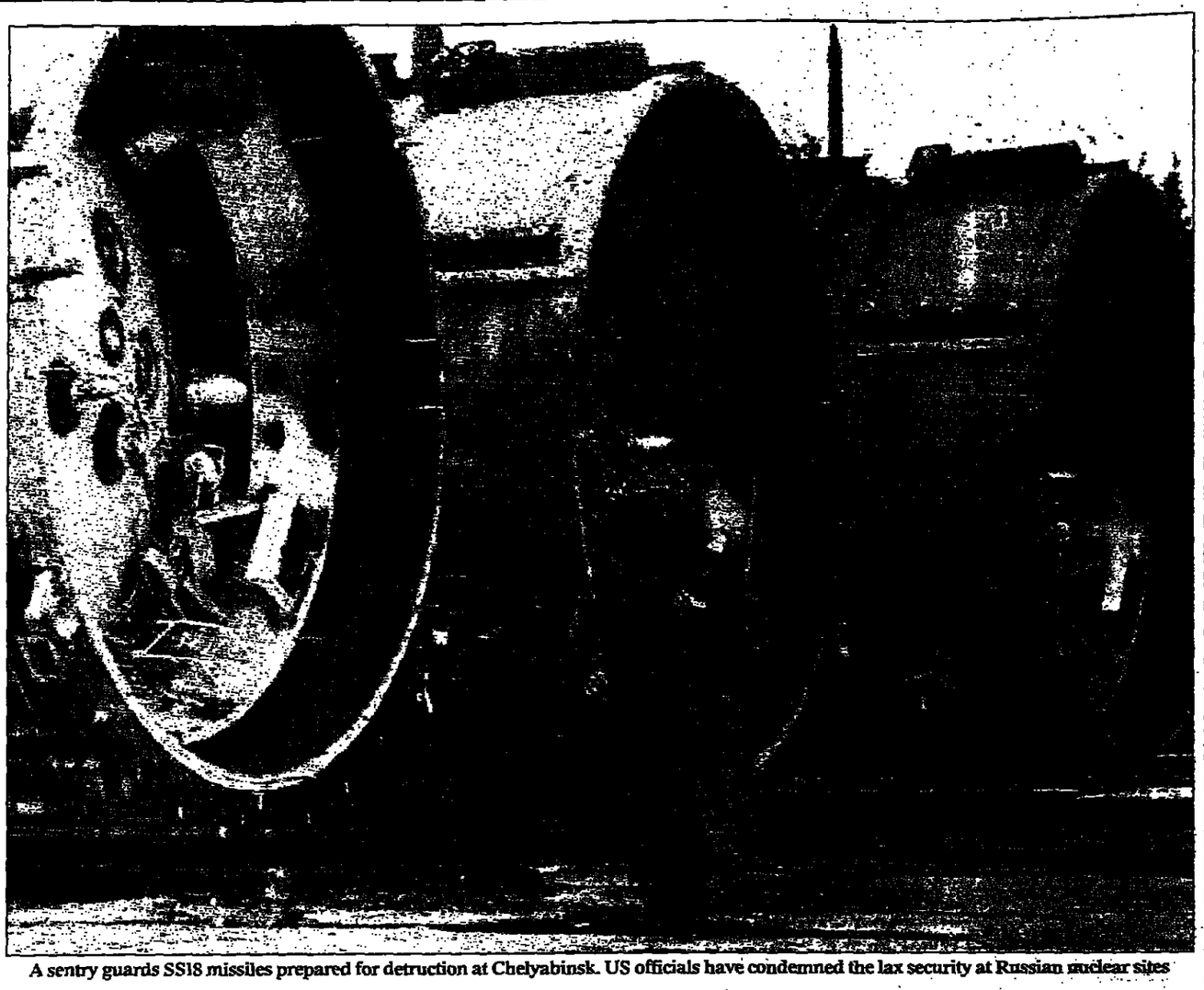
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Lax security at Russian sites disclosed after $1m "sting" nets new radioactive haul

Russians offer help to curb trade in nuclear material



A sentry guards SS18 missiles prepared for detruction at Chelyabinsk. US officials have condemned the lax security at Russian nuclear sites

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW
IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND
MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

MOSCOW yesterday signalled that it was willing to combat the export of nuclear materials from Russia after police announced the arrest of three more suspected smugglers and the intelligence services agreed to co-operate with the West.

In an apparent change of heart, which contrasted with the defensive attitude of Russian officials over the past five days, the authorities yesterday appeared to concede the trade in nuclear substances from the former Soviet Union.

According to a police spokesman in St Petersburg, the latest seizure was made last week in Kaliningrad, the Russian enclave on the Baltic. Three men were apprehended in a sting operation as they attempted to sell a 132-lb container of an unidentified radioactive substance for $1 million (£660,000). Two of the men were said to work for the Kaliningrad firm Baltares, while the third was unemployed. The buyers were reported to be Poles, Germans and Russians.

Two Russian nuclear sites where security improvements are urgently needed have been identified by American officials concerned over the current rash of plutonium thefts. Hazel O'Leary, US Energy Secretary, said one site was Mayak, also known as Chelyabinsk-65 or the Kyshtym complex, a large production site of several reactors in the Urals. Mayak is involved in Russia's pilot production of mox, a mixture of plutonium and uranium oxides used in civilian reactors that has been detected by American scientists in some of the plutonium seized in Germany. The other site was the Kurchatov Institute of Atomic Energy in Moscow.

Mrs O'Leary, whose department oversees the US nuclear programmes, gave a disconcerting account of Russian laboratories, technical centres and production sites lacking the most rudimentary safeguards, even fences. At the same time, *The New York Times* disclosed after an extensive investigation, that Russian officials admit they have no way of knowing for sure if any of their vast supply of bomb ingredients is missing.

Although known for her candour, Mrs O'Leary insisted she was not trying to embarrass the Russians into adopting a defensive position. "I want to be diplomatic for two reasons," she said. "There is a sense in Russia that the US is trying to hype this issue. I want to make it clear we've had no part in that. I also want to respect the ability of the Russians to make their own decisions." Far from raising alarm, she said, the international community needed to get to the root of the problem.

Rising concern among Nato states over the rash of nuclear smuggling was reflected in a meeting in Brussels yesterday between Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, and Nato officials.

Earlier, Euratom, the European Union's Luxembourg-based atomic energy agency which has tested the four batches of nuclear materials uncovered in Germany over the past three months, said all the samples definitely came from Russia. "There are only three or four places in the former Soviet Union which could have been the place of production," Wilhelm Gmelin, director of Euratom security control, said. He named Chelyabinsk, where there is a huge nuclear reprocessing plant, and Arzamas, a weapons development facility.

The first weapons-grade samples to surface in Europe after about 300 hauls of lesser-quality radioactive materials, were seized from middlemen but seemed destined for developing countries eager to build a nuclear bomb, German officials said. Johannes Gerster, a member of the German parliamentary control commission, said: "There are no indications that (the buyers) are terrorists or other people. All I can say is that they are states that want to produce atomic weapons. We're talking about crazy sums of money. Private people can't pay that."

The only name mentioned officially so far is Pakistan. Berlin police said they had raided seven flats and found evidence that plutonium had either just been sent or was to be sent to Pakistan.

However, a Pakistan government spokesman said his country would "never support any clandestine activity which puts the security of the world in danger". He said: "We categorically deny that Pakistan has attempted to acquire the plutonium. If the allegation stems from the fact that a Pakistani is among those under investigation, it should be noted that Germans and Poles are also cited as being part of the same ring."

The St Petersburg arrest is the second seizure by police in the area this summer. In June three men were detained in St Petersburg with seven pounds of enriched uranium which they confessed to stealing from an atomic facility in Moscow.

Yesterday the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Moscow said that Russia had begun investigations of its own. "Moscow treated the reports with the greatest seriousness," a spokesman said.

German nuclear bazaar raises fears over open borders

FROM MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, IN BONN

GERMAN intelligence has long warned that Germany was becoming a nuclear bazaar, the main transit route for all radioactive substances smuggled out of the former Soviet Union.

The reasons are linked to the country's geography, its close business contacts with its eastern neighbours, and the large number of scientists and technical experts from Third World countries studying or working in Germany.

The intelligence service estimates there have been at least two dozen cases of attempted smuggling of uranium or plutonium in the past two years which have been intercepted. But intelligence officials say so far the only people they have traced who have bought the stolen materials are undercover agents posing as buyers for foreign countries. This has raised the question whether Germany's attempt to track down the conduits have in fact created a market within the federal republic for nuclear material. Are former Communist countries smuggling nuclear components to Germany because they believe they can find a market there?

Although German police are thorough and border security is tight, the huge number of airline, lorry and rail connections between Germany and the former Soviet Union make it the obvious transit point for such illegal trade. Once inside Germany, radioactive material can easily be sent on to any country within the Schengen agreement states, those European Union countries that have abolished all internal border controls.

This has led some German politicians in the past week to speculate publicly that a Europe without borders is far more dangerous than governments realised when they substituted police cooperation and pooled computer information for police, custom and passport controls.

Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, is likely to raise the awkward question of going back on some of the freedom of movement guarantees in the Schengen pact when he discusses nuclear smuggling with EU Foreign Ministers in Usedom on September 10.

Yesterday Bavaria announced that it intends to demand life imprisonment for anyone caught smuggling nuclear material. Gunther Beckstein, the Interior Minister, said the law on the control of weapons must be stiffened. "Anyone dealing in materials for building atomic bombs threatens nations with extinction. For that he should serve a life term in prison."

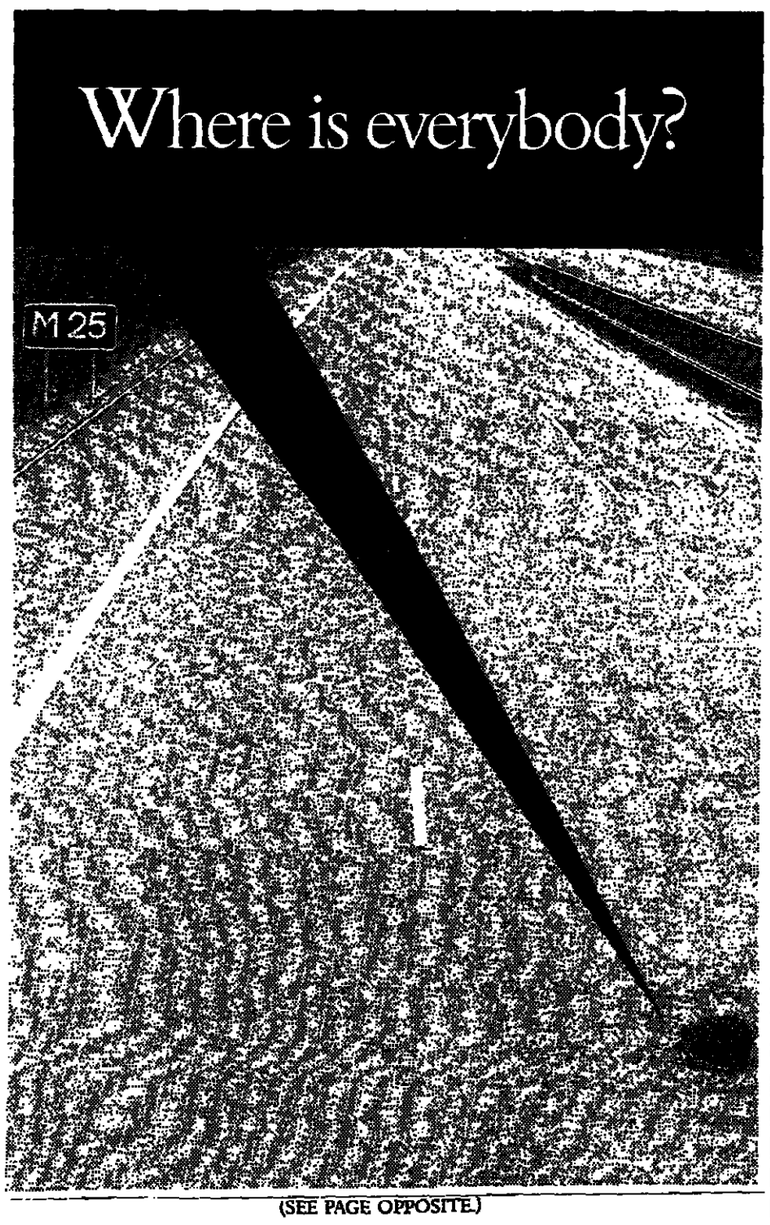
Germany has made it clear that it expects similar sharp new criminal laws to be enacted in Russia. Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, will telephone President Yeltsin again in a few days, but has already been assured of full co-operation in tracking down the trade.

At the rate so far detected, it would take a very long time for any state to gather enough material to build a bomb. But German experts warn that enriched plutonium is so dangerous that only a few grams are enough to cause a deadly threat to a city population, and the main worry in intelligence circles is that criminals may try to use small amounts to blackmail cities.

Experts also point out that transporting this material is dangerous, with the chance of an accident or a radioactive leak extremely high.



Kinkel: likely to question freedom of movement



(SEE PAGE OPPOSITE.)

Dane held for filming child sex

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN COPENHAGEN

A DANISH pornographic film producer was arrested yesterday, the day after he admitted on television that he shoots hard-core films with young Danish children while their parents watch.

His arrest comes during a public debate over child pornography in this country, where possession of such material for private use is legal.

The Dane, 50, speaking off camera during the programme, explained that he was currently shooting sex films with youngsters. "I know that children are not harmed by it," said the producer, who was not identified. "The children seem happy and satisfied."

Denmark's TV2 showed footage from some of his films. The producer added: "The parents are present during the shootings, and they can be stopped if it becomes too gross." The man would be charged with "depicting a person below age 15 in a sexual or other pornographic act", a police spokesman said. If found guilty, the maximum penalty is six months imprisonment.

The TV2 report said that parents were paid up to 4,000 kroner (£72) for allowing a 15-minute shooting of their children, aged between 8 and 15.

After the programme, two Copenhagen sex shops had their windows smashed. A petrol bomb was hurled into one of the shops, whose owner said on television that he dealt in child pornography. The bomb caused only minor damage and nobody was injured.

In 1969, Denmark became the first country to legalise adult pornography.

Dutch towns ban foreign addicts

FROM REUTER IN MAASTRICHT

EVERY day thousands of young foreigners flood into Dutch towns near Belgium and Germany to buy the cheapest and purest heroin in Europe, untroubled by border checks or police.

The Dutch citizens, who bear the burden of their country's tolerance of drug use, have now had enough. Maastricht, the symbol of a Europe without frontiers, has banned visiting drug users and given police powers to expel foreigners on the slightest suspicion of any intention to buy drugs. No proof is needed.

Several other Dutch towns have also moved to bar outsiders from the so-called "coffee shops" where soft drugs are sold. Drugs are officially illegal in The Netherlands, but the sale of cannabis is tolerated and possession of heroin and cocaine allowed in modest amounts. Dealers who flock in from all over Europe know that even if they are caught with amounts as large as seven-and-a-half ounces of hard drugs, they risk only a few months in the relative comfort of a Dutch jail, compared with five years elsewhere on the Continent.

In Maastricht there is broad support for the city's tough stance. Social workers, residents, even the town's own addicts, back the ban on foreign junkies. "We felt we were under siege," Theo Bovens, deputy mayor, said. He made no excuses for the drastic action, saying the town had no choice.

"If every country took care of its own addicts, our problem would be less serious," he said.

Blockade fuels Bosnian sense of betrayal

FROM TIM JUDAH IN SREMSKA RACA

TWO weeks after President Milosevic of Serbia imposed a blockade on the Bosnian Serbs the border remains tightly sealed.

Only private cars and buses are crossing with relative ease and the Yugoslav army and police have stepped up patrols to stop smuggling. But bitterness is growing on both sides and businessmen are desperately beginning to figure out ways to break Serbia's sanctions.

In the restaurant at the Sremska Raca border crossing small groups of businessmen ply customs officers with alcohol but, once they are out of earshot, complain that their efforts have been in vain. "I couldn't even get two sacks of chicken feed through," complained one. "Not even a needle," chipped in another.

The embargo was imposed on August 4 in an attempt to force the Bosnian Serb leadership to sign up to the latest peace plan for Bosnia and to avoid tighter sanctions being imposed on Serbia. All lorry traffic was directed to cross only at Sremska Raca and, in theory, only food, clothes, medicines and humanitarian aid is exempt from the blockade.

Mico, a lorry driver from Bosnian Serb-held Banja Luka, said that he had waited ten days in Belgrade to get the papers to import flour which is not embargoed. It proved impossible. "I just lost my patience. I couldn't wait anymore and now I've been mobilised."

In Belgrade rumours abound of nighttime smugglers crossing the river. On the Drina River they laugh. If there is any contraband the amounts must be minuscule. Locals say there are constant army patrols and the only boats appear to be fishermens' rowing boats.



"Milosevic is a pig," said Rajko, 50, whose daughter lives across the border. "There's a lot of hate now. People are not blaming the Bosnian Serbs, they are blaming him. The other day I saw the army shoot in the water at fishermen from the other side." A Bosnian Serb added: "Milosevic said we would all live together and now he has betrayed us."

☐ Zagreb: Bosnian Croat authorities have expressed outrage at the burning by Malaysian peacekeepers of a Roman Catholic wooden cross on a hilltop overlooking a Croat village. A United Nations official confirmed the incident took place and the Croats have threatened retaliation unless the cross is replaced by Sunday. *(AP)*

Carlos linked to rail bombs

Paris: Investigations into the terrorist activities of Carlos the Jackal widened yesterday when French legal authorities re-opened their files on two notorious attacks that left ten people dead (Adam Sage writes).

The moves came as French television broadcast the first pictures of Carlos's home in Sudan, where he was captured on Sunday, a flat notable principally for the large quantity of alcohol it contained.

Already under investigation for a 1982 bombing in Paris that killed one person, Carlos will now be questioned in connection with explosions on the Toulouse-Paris express in the same year, and at the railway station in Marseilles in 1983.

Going Dutch

The Hague: Wim Kok, the Dutch Labour Party leader and former trade unionist, formed a new coalition government in The Netherlands, bringing together three parties from both right and left, government officials said. The government will be sworn in on Monday. *(Reuter)*

Arafat pledge

Gaza City: Yassir Arafat, leader of the PLO, said he would prevent Islamic "terrorists" from attacking Israelis in Gaza and Jericho. But Mr Arafat made clear he wanted to avoid open warfare with Hamas, his chief Palestinian rival. *(Reuter)*

Talks progress

Hanoi: Vietnam and China have agreed to disagree over the disputed Spratly and Paracel Islands in talks here, but made "remarkable progress" on other border issues, Vietnam said. They have agreed not to use force, but to keep up a dialogue. *(Reuter)*

Spy chief quits

Warsaw: Marian Zacharski, head of Polish intelligence, who was once jailed for spying in America, has resigned after three days in office. He said he was quitting so as not to aggravate the row that followed his nomination. *(Reuter)*

King ignored

Maseru: Qhobbela Molapo, the Lesotho Foreign Minister, said the government was still in control, despite its dismissal by King Letsie III. He said a democratically elected government could not be dissolved by a monarch. *(Reuter)*

Rocket fails

Tokyo: The second launching of Japan's H2 rocket at Kyushu fizzled out when its booster rockets failed, the national space agency said. The rocket, built using only Japanese technology, was first launched in February. *(Reuter)*

Election pact

Bucharest: Romania's main opposition, the Democratic Convention, has joined forces with three union blocs to boost their chances of unseating the Balkan state's leftist rulers and President Iliescu in elections. *(Reuter)*

Gem warfare

Lisbon: The Angolan rebel movement, Unita, has admitted that government forces captured the town of Cafunfo, in northeast Angola in late July, whose production of diamonds helped fund its war. *(Reuter)*

Failed hygiene

Rome: Half of more than 800 restaurants in Italy's most popular tourist areas have failed hygiene tests. Police issued fines for 788 infringements, including dirty kitchens and poor food storage. About 180 people face prosecution. *(Reuter)*

Pope looks to Libya for support against population talks



Pope: praised UN for plan to discuss women's issues

BY JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME, JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK, AND ROSEMARY RIGHTER

A VATICAN envoy has visited Tripoli in an apparent attempt to win support for the Pope's crusade against next month's United Nations population conference in Cairo, in return for mediation over sanctions against Libya, official Libyan media claims.

The Vatican Ambassador to Algeria, Monsignor Edmond Farhat, had a meeting on Tuesday with Libyan officials "on questions of common interest", the official Libyan news agency Jana said. The Jana dispatch quoted the emissary as saying: "The efforts of the Vatican in favour of a dialogue to find a peaceful solution to the Lockerbie crisis are continuing. The Vatican Ambassador underlined that ... an identity of views emerged on the conference on population and development and notably as far as concerns the family." Vatican officials could not be reached to comment.

The Vatican has been involved in shadowy diplomacy with Libya for some time to try to resolve the wrangle over two Libyans wanted by the United States and Britain for the 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie in Scotland.

The latest UN report on the world's population puts the organisation on a collision course with the Vatican and Islamic fundamentalists just weeks before the 180-nation conference is due to open on September 5.

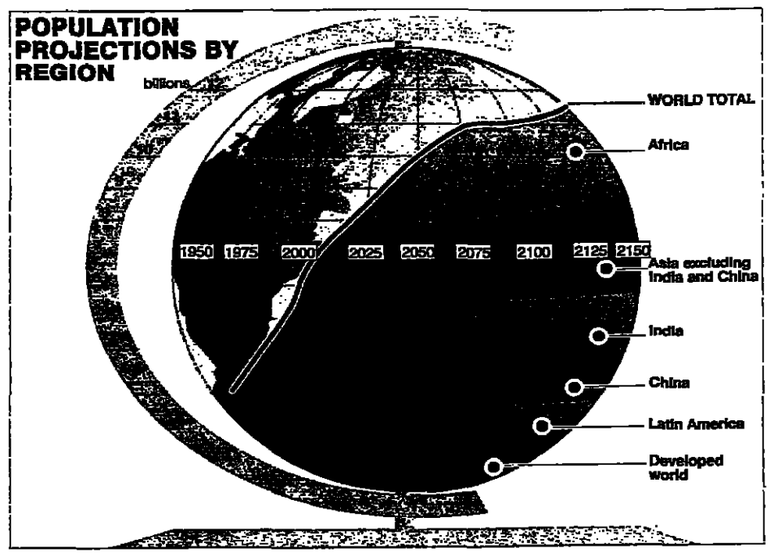
The UN Fund for Population Activities said this week in its annual *State of World Population Report* that the key to cutting population growth was "empowering women" to control the number of children they have. Vatican officials have been touring the world to lobby for support against the conference's likely endorsement of access to abortion and contraception, and have found a ready audience in Islamic fundamentalist countries that want to restrict the power of women.

Nonetheless, the Holy See wants to avoid being seen to make common cause with Muslim countries opposed to women's rights. On Sunday the Pope praised the UN for its plans to discuss women's issues. He said women often faced difficulties that made their "maternal task" harder. "It is a good sign that the Cairo conference is courageously setting its sights on this issue," he said. His remarks were the first indication that the Vatican may accept a compromise on the wording of the draft document.

Dr Nafis Sadik, head of the fund, also believes there are signs that the Vatican may be softening its line. Speaking at the Overseas Development Institute in London yesterday, Dr Sadik said that Vatican officials had assured her that the Church was behind the fund's campaign to give women more power over their lives. But she conceded that "as to the means, there is some difference".

The report gives a warning that the world population, estimated at 5.66 billion, is growing faster than ever, at an annual rate of 94 million people.

The Vatican made no comment on the report, but the study is unlikely to change the Holy See's basic determination to oppose any moves at the Cairo conference to promote unrestricted abortion and contraception.



Florida declares emergency amid new Cuban exodus

FROM TOM RHODES IN MIAMI AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

HUNDREDS of desperate Cubans continued to launch themselves into the treacherous Florida Straits yesterday in the biggest exodus from the Communist island since 1980, prompting the governor of Florida to declare a state of emergency.

As the flood of makeshift rafts and leaky rowing boats attempted to cross the 90-mile stretch of water separating the two countries, pilots from the volunteer group Brothers to the Rescue, flew over the Straits marking each tiny boat with green dye and yellow smoke bombs.

They dropped notes in bottles telling the refugees that the US Coast Guard was overwhelmed but would soon come to their assistance. Stephen Walton, one of the volunteers, predicted that the situation could only worsen. "This is getting real crazy," he said, "You can walk to Key West on rafts."

Describing the exodus of Cuban refugees as reaching "critical" proportions, the governor of Florida, Lawton Chiles, yesterday declared a state of emergency and called on President Clinton to follow suit.

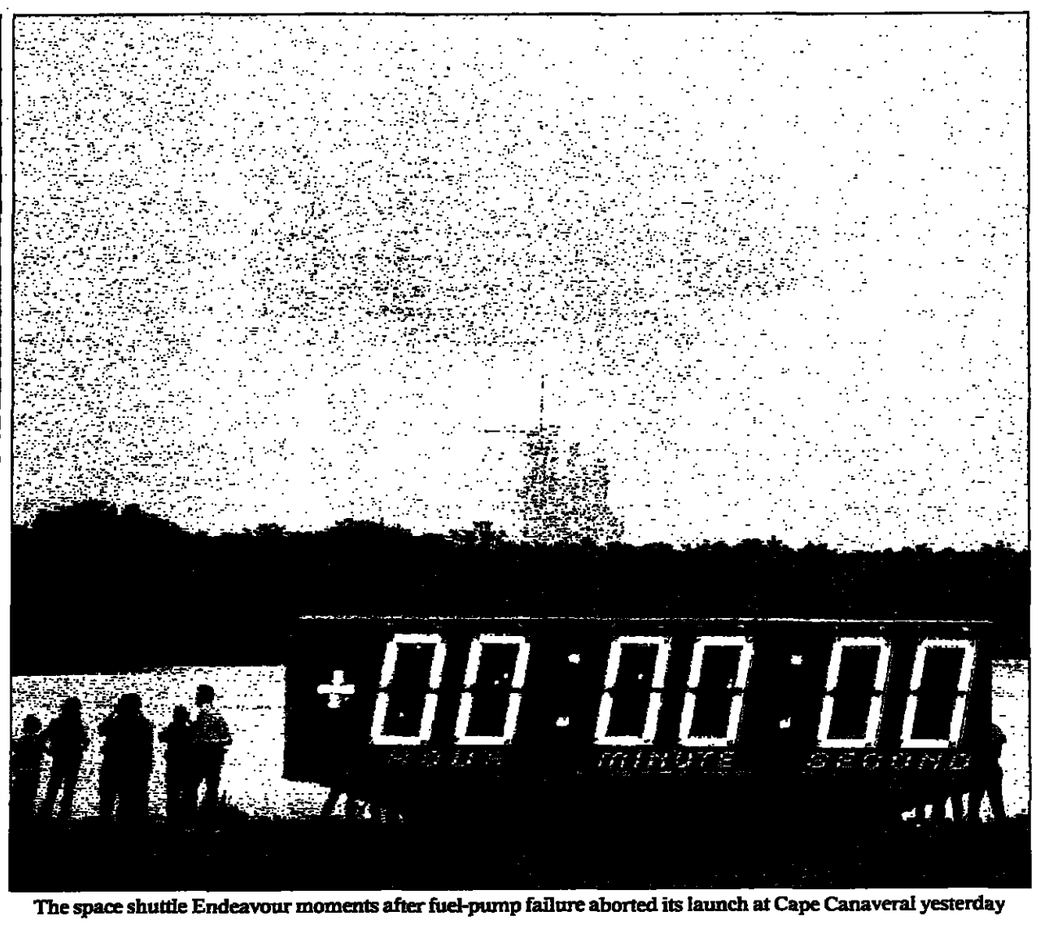
The governor said: "Hundreds of people, maybe thousands, are lined up on Cuban shores, waiting to leave. There is no effort by Castro to stop them. In fact, it looks like every effort is being made to encourage them."

In declaring a state of emergency, Mr Chiles insisted that Washington also immediately implement its mass immigration emergency plan. "The emergency is a direct responsibility of the federal government," he said. He demanded an increase in Coast Guard ships patrolling the Florida Straits and the release of funds so that refugees can be fed and housed.

In the past few days the Coast Guard said the waters had been busier than at any time since the Mariel boat lift 14 years ago which brought more than 125,000 Cubans and crime and economic hardship to the Florida coast.

There have been more than 1,330 rescues in the last month and more than 6,000 this year. On Monday and Tuesday the Coast Guard picked up more than 500 Cubans from dozens of boats. It is thought that hundreds more will undertake the journey after President Castro, signalled last week that his gunboats would not prevent the boats from leaving.

Dr Castro has appeared on state television several times to castigate Washington saying he might unleash another wave of refugees and accusing the Administration of encouraging the exodus for propoganda purposes. He has expressed endless disappointment that an American president is still unwilling to restore relations with Havana — which have been effectively frozen since the Eisenhower Administration — and lift the trade embargo.



The space shuttle Endeavour moments after fuel-pump failure aborted its launch at Cape Canaveral yesterday

Powerful tremor in Algeria kills 149

FROM REUTER IN TUNIS

A POWERFUL earthquake killed 149 people and injured 289 as they slept in western Algeria early yesterday morning.

The tremor, which registered 5.6 on the Richter scale was followed by a series of aftershocks. An official in Mascara, 190 miles west of Algiers, the capital, said that between 8,000 and 10,000 people had been made homeless. Algerian authorities flew troops to the disaster area to help with emergency aid.

Residents in Oran, 50 miles from Mascara, fled their homes and spent the rest of the night outside as the tremors spread through the region and jolted the city.

Early reports put the biggest single death toll in Sig, where 53 people were killed. The townships of Bou-Hanifia and Hacine were also hit.

It was the most powerful earthquake to strike Algeria since October 1980 when 4,000 people were killed and the centre of a town which was then called El Asnam, 84 miles from Mascara, was destroyed. The rebuilt town was renamed Chlef, after a local river, under pressure from Algeria's Muslims who believed that its old name, which meant "statues" or "idols", had provoked God's anger. In orthodox Islam the depiction of religious figures in stone or painting is barred.

Algeria's Geophysics Studies Centre said the earthquake's epicentre was in the Beni Chougrane mountain near Mascara.

Nasa stops lift-off at last second

Cape Canaveral: Onboard computers aborted the launch of the space shuttle Endeavour yesterday in the last second before lift-off after the engines had started.

Nasa said early indications were that there was a fault in a fuel-pumping mechanism. One hour after the aborted launch, the crew climbed out safely, perspiring but smiling and shaking hands with technicians who opened the spaceship's hatch.

Nasa said the engines cut off milliseconds before lift-off, although observers saw orange flames under the shuttle in the area of the engines one or two seconds after the appointed lift-off time. Fire protection systems at the launch pad sprayed water on the shuttle and ground controllers reported that they did not see any fire.

This was the fifth aborted shuttle launch. Last year a faulty fuel flow sensor caused onboard computers to halt the launch of the shuttle Discovery. There was no word yesterday of plans for another launch date for Endeavour. *(Reuter)*

Cambodia remains examined

London: British officials in Cambodia are waiting to examine a bag of bones that local police believe are the remains of two Britons and an Australian kidnapped by the Khmer Rouge. The bones were found on Wednesday 15 miles from where Dominic Chappell and Tina Dominy and the Australian Kellie Wilkinson were abducted.

Kurdish clash

Bonn: German police using tear gas and clubs subdued Kurdish youths here yesterday after they put on T-shirts bearing a banned Kurdish movement symbol. *(AP)*

Aborigine plea

Sydney: Aborigines, who have suffered diet-related ailments since European colonisation, are being urged to return to indigenous cooking and give up junk food. *(AP)*

Smoking ban

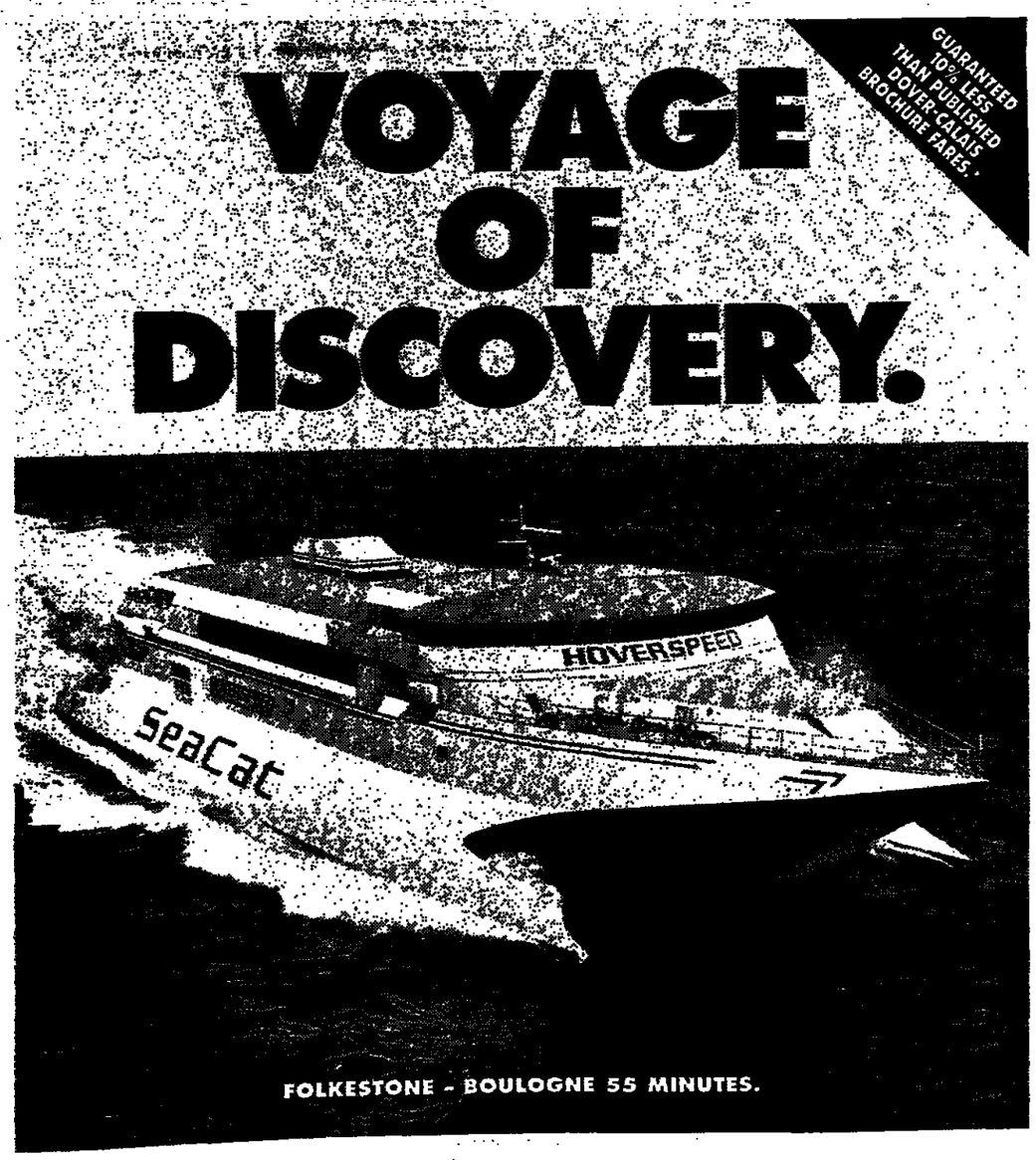
Kuwait: Marriage plans collapsed when a Saudi groom refused his fiancée's demands to stop smoking the hubble bubble. The man preferred to stay single. *(Reuter)*

Sicily fires

Palermo: Firefighters evacuated 300 Sicilians from their homes near here when bush fires, blamed on arsonists, spread over six miles. *(Reuter)*

Bar deaths

Seoul: Ten customers and four women employees were killed here when fire destroyed a hostess bar. *(Reuter)*



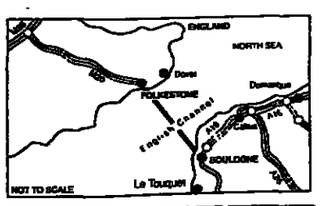
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I am glad Tony Blair is going into Madame Tussaud's this winter. It will give Mr Major somewhere to stand (in heavy disguise) when he wants to meditate on tactics, eye-to-glass-eye with his rival, during the fraught run-up to the next election. Or, come to that, after it: in old age the Duke of Wellington used to come to Madame Tussaud's, just to stare down for ages at the figure of Napoleon on his deathbed.

Nobody knows what went on in the old man's mind as he conned his enemy's face in that quiet, spooky hall. Confronted with upright waxen corpses, each taken directly from the original by a thousand finicky measurements, you do think unfathomable thoughts. In no other circumstances, after all — except early love — can you stand so close to another human face and trace every detail, every fold of flesh and slant of cheekbone. There lurks a Victorian phrenologist and physiognomist in all of us, wanting to know under which bump great or evil impulses arose, and what thickness of lips formed words which changed the world. I spent hours once staring up Mikhail Gorbachev's nose, and turned to see Charles de Gaulle towering over us both. Elsewhere, teenagers jealously compared waist-spans with the sticklike Kylie Minogue, and old men quietly communed with Churchill.

Tussaud's may be clever players in the modern game of hype and photo-opportunity, knowing just when to hit us with a Lumley or a Blair: but there is a deeper, darker strain about the place. It is an archive of human faces, with a message not of tinsel celebrity but of history, pain and oblivion. I like to visit the small, snappish old lady in black who is Marie Tussaud herself. She modelled a self-portrait before her death in 1850, and it is renewed periodically from the original mould. This tight-lipped old woman saw much, said little: as a young girl working for the Paris *Cabinet de Cire*, she was employed as art tutor at Versailles. In the Revolution, she kept her own head by modelling death-masks of her former employers, Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette. She would go down to the guillotine to rummage through the heads for distinguished visages to reproduce at her uncle's now ostentatiously "patriotic" museum: when Marat was stabbed in his bath, she was right round there for the death-mask. Go and look at her face, sometime. It is all there.



LIBBY PURVES

And it is not too fanciful to see her as a necessary context for Mr Blair and the rest. Behind the showbiz façade of Tussaud's is a scornful barometer of fame. They don't bother putting in every new Cabinet minister, let alone celebrity, because it takes six months and £20,000 to make a figure and they might not last. There never was a David Mellor or a Norman Lamont, just as they are not bothering with Lisa-Marie Presley-Jackson. Keith Floyd has made it, and Kenneth Clarke scrapes in, wearing his own suit (only ironed). But for how long, they cannot know.

For, in the Tussaud tumbril tradition, they bin you pretty smartly when your day is done. Mrs Thatcher cannot be removed because foreign tourists love her, and Michael Foot mysteriously survives. But Michael Heseltine is gone already, along with Mark Phillips (who got nine months recostumed in jodhpurs after the divorce, then was wheeled away). There is the occasional phoenix: Elizabeth Taylor was thrown out twice as a has-been, but a third version has just appeared.

Normally, when you are axed, your severed head goes on a dusty shelf. Part of it is on show: here, jumbled and dishevelled, are Hancock, Nixon, Gladstone, Haile Selassie, Sophia Loren, Cilla Black, Kevin Keegan, W.C. Fields . . .

Mr Blair need not get above himself. He will join them one day.

Gilt or innocence?

Defendants are increasingly relying on image gurus to sway high-profile American trials, says **Ben Macintyre**

REUTER



O.J. Simpson in the courtroom. Body language speaks volumes in televised trials

The unholy marriage between American law and Hollywood show business has produced some strange progeny: the criminal as celebrity, the celebrity as crook, the lawyer as lead actor and, usually unseen but increasingly powerful, the trial consultant — who combines the roles of casting director, stage manager and costumier.

Attorneys may still preside over the argument and evidence in American courts, but it is the trial consultants who control the more oblique but often crucial factors of image, body language and "non-verbal information", in an age when the omnipresent eye of television has rendered appearances just as important as facts.

Last week the legal team defending the former football star O. J. Simpson on charges of double murder recruited Jo-Ellan Dimitrius, a 40-year-old former sociology lecturer widely regarded as the prime exponent of this arcane new legal speciality.

Her first task will be to help the Simpson defence team to select a sympathetic jury for the trial, which starts on September 19. As a result of the immense publicity surrounding the case, the jury pool is arguably already tainted to the point of pollution and some 1,000 potential jurors, 20 times the usual number, have been summoned by Judge Lance Ito in an effort to ensure a measure of impartiality.

The prosecution has also employed a trial consultant. In the coming weeks the two sides will attempt to weed out 12 mutually acceptable people to sit in judgment on the sportsman, actor, commercial spokesman and now alleged murderer.

Dr Dimitrius, or "The Doc" as she is known to colleagues, is adept in the techniques of commercial mass-marketing. By breaking down the jurors into age, sex, race and opinion, she will attempt to predict and manipulate the probable verdict. She performs the job of a legal sociologist, minutely observing the physical reactions and written responses of potential jurors for signs of hidden bias or favouritism. "I'm getting paid for people-watching," she told *Newsweek* magazine.

But the work of a trial consultant goes far beyond merely packaging a group of acceptable jurors. They are experts in moulding the image of an individual to sway the judgment not just of the 12 jurors, but also of the millions of television viewers who, in effect, deliver the final verdict in such public cases.

An avid public has scrutinised every aspect of O. J. Simpson, from the curl of his lip to the knot of his tie. Dress, language and above all personal demeanour are now considered vital to a defendant's chances. Mr Simpson may find his acting experience most helpful.

"Through tainted clothes small vices do appear," as Shakespeare pointed out, and Dr Dimitrius and her fellow consultants lay particular emphasis on attire.

As a consultant for the defence in the Rodney King beating trial, she clad the four Los Angeles police officers in almost identical sombre grey suits to convey the impression of solid reliability.

The psychology of the wardrobe has become an accepted part of legal strategy in recent years. In the trial of the alleged rapist William Kennedy Smith, for example, the defendant was clad in classic "preppie" attire to emphasise his respectability and drive home the message that here was the rich scion of a famous family.

Similarly the Menendez brothers, accused of murdering their parents, wore carefully combed hair and pastel-hued jerseys to make them look younger, more vulnerable and thus reinforce their claim to have been sexually and physically abused by tyrannical parents.

> Clothing psychology is now an accepted part of legal strategy

A seminal moment in the expanding science of legal body language came during that trial, when the steely defence attorney Leslie Abramson, whose courtroom ferocity is legendary, leaned across to Lyle Menendez and picked lint off his clothes, for all the world like a doting mother. The message to the jury was clear: this defendant is human and likeable.

In preliminary hearings for the Simpson trial, the lead defence attorney, Robert Shapiro, periodically lays an affectionate hand on his client's shoulder to foster precisely the same impression.

Some consultants even offer elocution lessons and pre-trial tutorials on "non-verbal testimony": keep your chin up, appear interested, do not shuffle your feet, meet the prosecutor's eye and never forget that the television camera is trained on you.

A decade ago trial consultancy was widely considered a fad, expensive and unnecessary, but as the taste for live courtroom drama has expanded and lawyers have become ever more sensitive to public reactions, few high-profile cases can afford to do without the litigation gurus.

Since 1982 the American Society of Trial Consultants has expanded from 15 to 350 members as the science of jury selection and the art of courtroom image-crafting have become integral, accepted elements of the legal process.

Lawyers still point out that when the evidence is sufficient and properly presented, no amount of grooming can make a guilty man walk free. In a case like that of O. J. Simpson, however, where the viewers are hooked, and personality lies at the heart of the matter, the right tie or the wrong look could measure the difference between guilt and innocence.

A famous name has surfaced in Edinburgh to direct her mother in a one-woman show

The serene daughter with the Jagger edge

When Karis Jagger turns on the radio and hears her father belting out his hit song "Respectable", she can permit herself a wry smile. While the ageing Rolling Stone is strutting his stuff on tour, his eldest daughter is at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, not partying all night or rushing from show to show like most of her contemporaries, but directing her mother Marsha Hunt in a one-woman play.

The daughter of two hedonists who met in the haze of the 1960s is a clear-skinned, self-disciplined 23-year-old who recently completed a history degree at Yale University.

It was not always thus. Aged two, Miss Karis, as her mother called her, lived a frenetic life on tour with her mother's band. She would sit in a buggy in the wings, watching her mother perform in outrageous outfits.

Aged three, she had a vocabulary of expletives which would make Billy Connolly's hair stand on end. Her mother recalls sitting on a London bus with her tiny, delicate daughter when a film poster caught the child's eye. "Look, mummy," she said in a clear English accent. "It's that f****** Mary Poppins."

Despite the fact that she was only 24 when her daughter was born, Hunt, who starred in the Sixties musical *Hair*, decided from the beginning to put her daughter before her career. Now she jokes that it has paid off. "Be nice to your baby: she might employ you one day."

Hunt gave up touring when the two-year-old Karis scalded her arm before one of the gigs. "I took it as some kind of sign," says Hunt. She was subsequently sued for cancelling the European tour when she flew back to America to get medical treatment for her daughter.

TOM KIDD



Karis Jagger, left, and Marsha Hunt in her costume as Baby Palatine: conflict in rehearsal

Perhaps more significantly, the stunning young singer/actress decided not to take another partner or have another child after Karis. In the late 1970s she fought a court battle to force Jagger legally to recognise his daughter. She won in 1979.

"I couldn't afford to have another child because of the work that I was doing. Also I think if you have a child with one man, then to have a child with another man means that your life is eternally complicated with four other sets of grandparents apart from the lunatics in your own family."

Although Karis speaks to her mother once a week, she does not see her family much. Her father lives in England, her mother spends most of her time in France and Karis lives in California. It's an arrangement which suits her and gives her a degree of anonymity: "No one wants you to be yourself. Everyone always wants you to be half your mother and half your father."

She remains on good terms with her father and his other children, particularly Jade, Jagger's daughter from his marriage to Bianca. Karis was present at the birth of Jade's baby two years ago. She will catch up with her father's *Voodoo Lounge* tour later in the year. "It is weird to have all these girls screaming at your father," she says.

Her relationship with her mother has been an intense one over the last six weeks. Together they have adapted Hunt's first novel *Joy* and turned it into a vehicle for Hunt. She plays Baby Palatine, a black, 60-year-old, down-at-heel, God-fearing woman, who becomes wardrobe mistress to an all-girl pop group whom she has known since they were children.

Jagger and Hunt have been honing the play since its Edinburgh debut. It's an hour and 40 minutes long and needs cutting. Hunt is convincing in the role and Jagger's dream of taking the play to America with another actress seems credible.

"It was a relief to have the first performance over," Jagger says. "We had been rehearsing in this tiny village in France with just my teddies for an audience. There were some tense moments. My mother's a morning person and I'm a night person and that caused some conflict. Also there wasn't anywhere to go to get away from it."

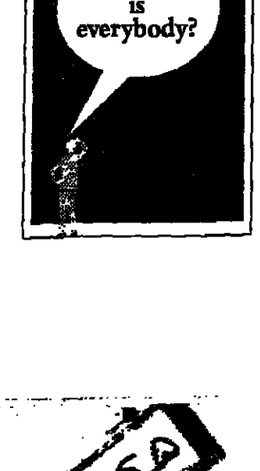
Temperamentally mother and daughter could not be more different. Hunt is a black American actress, gregarious, confident and entertaining. Jagger, educated at Bedales, is much more reserved. She has no ambitions to act but has enjoyed her directing debut and is keen to make a career of it.

Hunt says her daughter is a natural director. "She has a certain detachment and I think that has come from being with a chatterbox mother. She sat at the side and had to wait, but it means that she has become an observer and a listener. Even as a baby she had that calm stillness."

Despite her unorthodox upbringing, the glare of publicity surrounding the paternity suit and her access to a lifestyle which has wrecked countless lives, Jagger is reassuringly down-to-earth, well balanced and not at all egotistical. "She has a bad temper," says Marsha, "but she never gave me sleepless nights."

"My mother was always there for me," says Jagger. "Growing up I had a lot of security. You don't realise your life is weird until someone else tells you."

GILLIAN BOWDITCH



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THIS is the second of three weeks in which *The Times* is offering readers a chance to win one of three Club Med holidays to France, Greece and America. And £100 worth of traveller's cheques can be won every day by entering and solving our crossword challenges.

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THIS WEEK

ACROSS

26 *Terpsichore's young ladies appearing in* A Chorus Line? *(7,5)*

30 *Very awkward role — empathy for this heroic Greek resistance (11)*

31 *Weeping mother wants some compassion — I obey (5)*

33 *Secondary action is extra, we hear, to what Sophocles wrote (6)*

DOWN

27 *Fruit — its receipt from Paris started a war (5)*

28 *Loire abandoned, to get to Greece again, it's said (5)*

Julia Llewellyn Smith discovers Alice Thomas Ellis in a wasteland of broken dolls

Reporting back from bohemia

CHRIS HARRIS



Alice Thomas Ellis with her grandchildren Josh and Charlotte — work may rank far behind her family and friends but she has produced 20 books in the last 17 years as well as the Home Life *Spectator* columns

Alice Thomas Ellis, the novelist, lives in a sprawling town house, choked with ivy. The dark green window frames are peeling, there is an empty carrycot on the front steps and the dank garden is littered with the dismembered *torsos of discarded dolls.*

At the big black gate I have to stop to check I have the right address. Her household, I know, is the epicentre of north London bohemia, a charmed chaos, but even so, this is too much. Squatters must be living here and I must be in the wrong place.

But just as I am dithering on the doorstep, Thomas Ellis emerges from the gloom, *instantly recognisable by her* tragic, kohl-rimmed eyes which make her look far older in pictures than in life.

"Hello," she says, leading me into a hall where another sad-eyed lady with long grey hair and wearing a kaftan is sorting through piles of clothes. "This is Janet, my nanny," she explains. "We're having a clear-out." She floats on into the kitchen, packed *with children, and out again* into the garden, pursued by her grandson, Josh, who wants her to peel a plaster off his arm. Thomas Ellis, 61, has smoked three cigarettes, and, plonking herself upon an iron bench, she immediately lights up another.

It has clearly been a traumatic day. Josh has been to the dentist for a mouthful of fillings. Tomorrow he is flying *back to his father in Los* Angeles. "I just feel like such a swine putting him through that pain," says his granny. But he wouldn't thank you if all his teeth fell out later, someone points out and she brightens. "Stone me, we had to get it done. We just had to." Josh's woes are clearly going to impede discussion of Thomas Ellis's two new books, both of which are published this *month. Work does not rank* very high in her scheme of things — far, far behind her family and friends, who come a very close second to God. Josh and his cousin Charlotte wander in and out, demanding stories and ice lollies. The telephone rings incessantly.

> "Get a big bottle of Soave and my Silk Cut"

Despite the interruptions the books still come out, 20 in *all in the past* 17 years, as well as the "Home Life" *Spectator* columns and other bits of journalism. One of the new batch, *The Evening of Adam*, is her first collection of short stories and might normally attract a fair bit of attention, but its publication is bound to be overshadowed by her first full work of non-fiction, *Serpent on the Rock*, subtitle: *A Personal View of Christianity*, a "quest" into the present state of Roman Catholicism.

The book warns us that its author does not believe in dialogue, nonetheless it takes the form of a series of conversations, with the Irish unfazed by the waverings of Bishop Eammon Casey, with radical feminists, with young priests, with married couples. They argue their point lucidly, but none manages to budge Thomas Ellis an inch from her central premise: old, especially the Church before the Second Vatican Council, is good. New, in almost any form, is bad.

"Obviously everything changes," she says in her light, staccato way. "But sudden radical change is never for the better. Me and a friend were thinking the other day about good changes and we couldn't think of any. We came up with the sewage system, although that's going bad now."

Did none of the people she entertained have a single sensible word to say? She shakes her head. "I liked them all very much. In the end you get to absolutely love them." But they are wrong and she is right? She nods quietly.

She hated writing the book. "I must have been mad. I must have been out of my mind. One thing I know now is I'm not an investigative journalist." But did it give her a better undestanding of the Church? "No, I'm still pretty bewildered." The aim, however, was not so much to answer her own questions as to offend a lot of people, in which she will certainly succeed.

Her principal target is that most easily-upsettable group, women. "There is no sign that the overall condition of humanity has been improved one iota by the feminist movement," she says. Women in dog collars gave her the first inkling that Freud might have had a point about penis envy.

This stand, I point out, is odd, given that most of the stories in *The Evening of Adam* are wry parables about *sharp women and silly men.* She roars with laughter. "It's so funny. The short stories read like a feminist pamphlet. The only word for it is paradox." Her grandson wanders past. "Josh, there's a darling, ask Janet to go to the shop and get a big bottle of Soave and some of my Silk Cut."

The point is not that Thomas Ellis *dislikes women*, rather that they are so obviously superior to men. "Oh, feminists are so silly to say we are all the same. Women are inclined to the house and man is the hunter."

Janet appears bearing a Coutts cheque book and pen. "Oh, what's my name?" "Anna Haycraft," says Janet sweetly. Thomas Ellis is a pseudonymn. She signs. "It's that me, me, me thing now, no one believes in humility any more. Women are being told to only care about themselves and forget about others. Once there were nuns with a quality of holiness, courtesy and a sense of humour. Now they say 'Gee, I love you'." She shudders. Thomas Ellis converted at 19 and for six months was a postulant nun, until a slipped disc forced her to quit the order. She settled instead for marriage to Colin Haycraft, who runs the publishing firm Duckworth & Co.

Does she ever regret leaving the order, I ask, head muzzy from the vast glass of plonk. "Do you know," she says smiling slyly. "Sometimes I do. I took it pretty hard at the time. Having lived a very peaceful life, to see the city streets and the advertising came as a terrific shock. But I wouldn't have been without this lot."

This lot are her four sons, her daughter and her four grandchildren, who have made her "a gifted and comprehensive worrier". Her second child, Joshua, died 16 years ago, after falling through a roof. As she cuddles the children her face is transformed with the fiercest, most protective love.

> "It's all me, me. Nobody believes in humility now"

Yet in true contradictory style, Thomas Ellis is cavalier about her children's faith. "It all became very difficult bringing them up Catholics. I just pray for them. I think they will all come back to the faith, if it pulls itself together. Not if they are doing singing and dancing in the aisles."

With God, or without, she has done a remarkable job on her family, who, judging by those I meet, are polite, friendly and secure in the knowledge they have each other to fall back on.

Friends inevitably become sucked in, too. Janet has been there 20 years as has Jean, the cleaning lady. Beryl (Bainbridge) pops in constantly, a young burglar they apprehended ended up a fixture on their annual trips to to Wales. Terry Major-Ball is the latest family pet — Duckworth published his book and Thomas Ellis is hoping he will put up her new garden table from MFI in time for her launch *party.*

Despite her happy home, Thomas Ellis is not sure she believes in marriage. She and Janet are given to shouting "Don't do it!", from the safety of the car, when they pass a bridal procession. Should I bother getting married, then? "Darling, I think so, it's worth it in the end. Oh," she cries, waving her hands like a charleston dancer, "it gives you a framework and a depth and a shape to your life." She runs into the house to retrieve more fags. "And in the end one person is much the same as another."

Her arguments contradict themselves, her house is in a muddle, yet all this gives weight to Thomas Ellis's demand for an ordered Church, unswayed by fashion and dignified by distance.

She has a horror of New-Ageists, attempting to sort out the world's secrets with a crystal and a pack of tarot cards. Does she not even read her horoscope? "I have to confess I do," she says, glancing at me in mock shame. "Then I apologise to the Pope and put it out of my mind. But you know some paper sent me three horoscopes and said, choose which is yours and I knew straight away which referred to me. The other two were Lord Lucan and that eggs woman. It's so weird, isn't it?

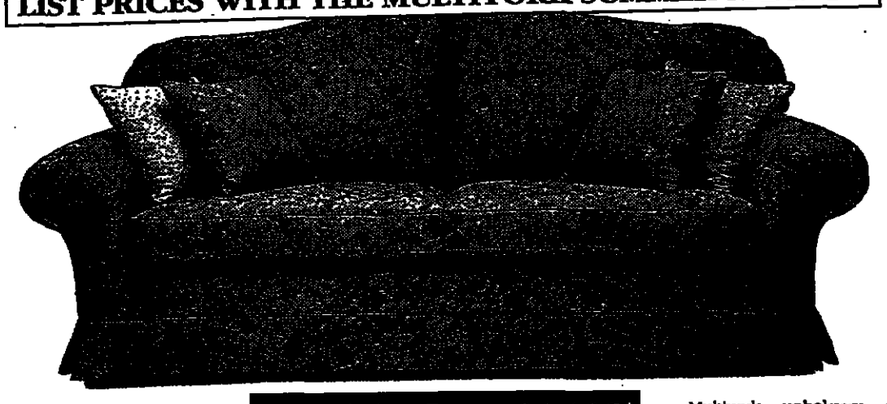
"That's why I think it's quite nice to have a mysterious faith because everything is so mysterious. I think it's better to be on a boat than splashing about *trying to stay afloat.*"

Janet leaves, day one of her clear-up completed. Thomas Ellis is a bit alarmed. "I'll probably get up in the middle of the night and start retrieving everything from the plastic bags. Heaven won't be like that, all the junk will have just disappeared. When I die I like to think I'll wake up and say 'Now I understand'."

● Serpent on the Rock, *Hodder & Stoughton (£17.99).* The Evening of Adam, *Viking* (£14).

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■ The rail strike is a crucial test for the new model Labour Party. What, really, is its attitude to intervention?

If you spent yet another two days at home this week, you may be wondering rather exasperatedly why the rail strike is so hopelessly intractable. Some of the issues seem palpably absurd. Can the Rail, Maritime and Transport union really be demanding compensation for accepting payment direct to banks instead of in old-fashioned wage packets which are still delivered — very expensively — by hand?

What the rail strike is really about is not just the difference between past and future productivity or even the differnece between 4.5 and 5.7 per cent. Both sides know that its outcome will determine whether this vital industry will continue to be run by two armoured goliaths facing one another across a battlefield of dismembered services. It is in the union's interests that it should be so. For Railtrack and those of us who use the railways, it is imperative that it not be. Hence this struggle — however trivial its pretexts — must be to the death.

There are rumours that Railtrack plans to offer more money to signal workers who are willing to sign individual contracts. If enough of them do so, the union will effectively be de-recognised. By prolonging the strike, the union may be costing its own members sums of money which they cannot recoup through any feasible pay rise. It is also costing Railtrack enough money to undermine capital investment in rail infrastructure for years. But it could easily succeed in its major objective, which is to derail privatisation. For the union has seen the light at the end of the tunnel. In roughly three years' time, there may well be a Labour government, which will abandon privatisation and offer the old blank cheque to public service industries.

So Jimmy Knapp and his like now have good reason to hang on — as the miners used to say — for as long as it takes. And Labour does nothing to discourage these hopes. Ignoring shouts of "Where's Bambi?" from the Tory backbenchers, Tony Blair avoided appearing in the House when any incriminating statement might have been demanded on the strike. When asked outright by interviewers whether he backed the strikers, he managed to pirouette glibly around the answer. Then came the summer holidays, and Labour spokesmen (some of the unreconstructed variety) were left rattling around the country unsupervised.

Dear old Frank Dobson found himself minding the transport shop on his own, and within a matter of days Labour was offering unequivocal solidarity with the union in its heroic struggle against a ruthless industry which is soon to be iniquitously sold off, and so on and on. All of which is much more cosily familiar than the new model Labour Party, which hovers judiciously above every confrontation, condemning all sides with total (and completely unhelpful) even-handedness.

Quite how that transcendant impartiality would translate itself into policy in office raises interesting questions about how radical Labour's transformation has been. Until the Dobson intervention, the only comments that better rehearsed Shadow Cabinet members made about the strike were critical of the Government for "interfering" in negotiations.

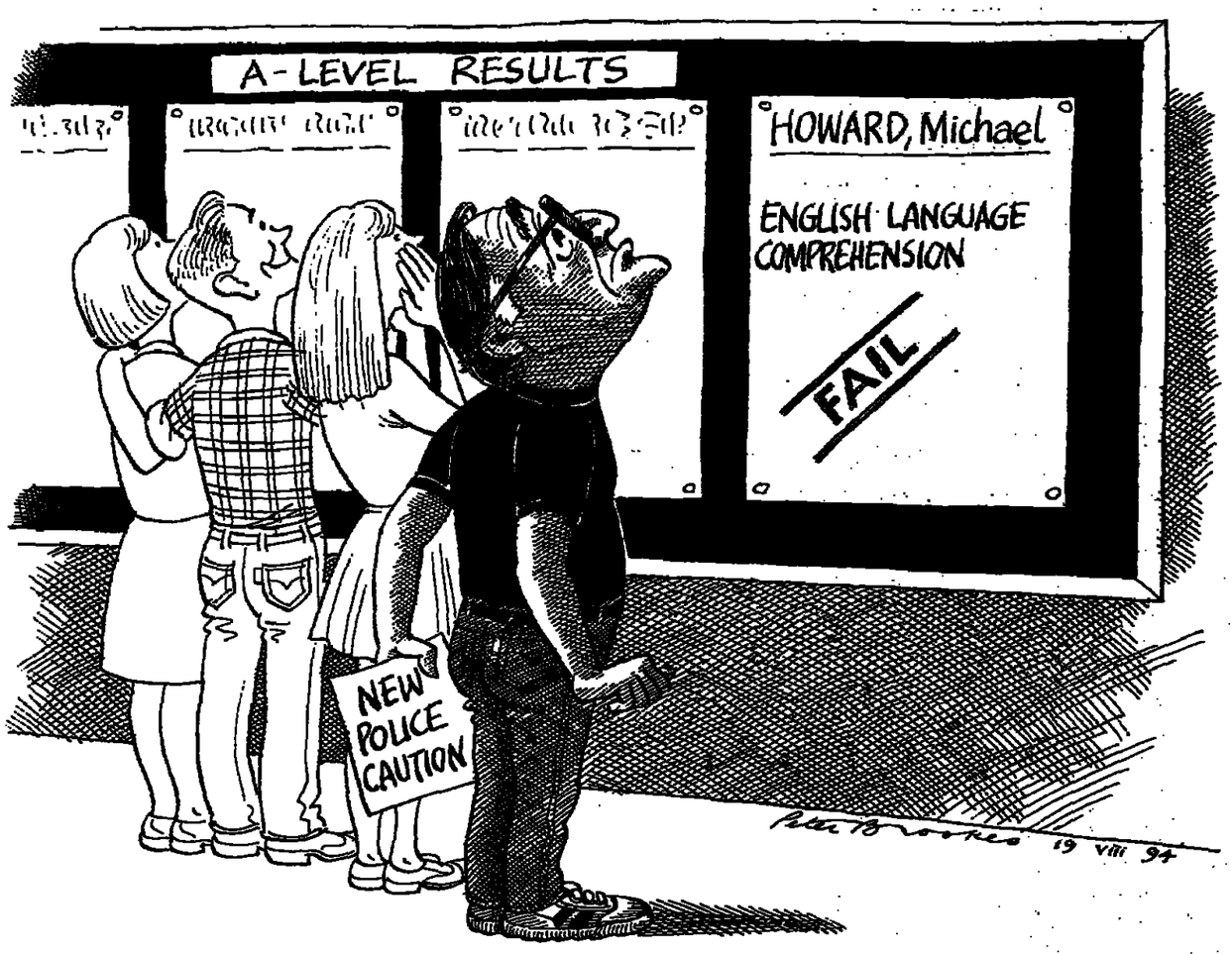
Which suggests that Labour has not just abandoned its traditional belief in the need for government intervention, but has adopted a stricter *laisser faire* policy than any Conservative government in living memory.

But this contrasts with Frank Dobson's statement that a Labour government would immediately agree to pay strikers the 5.7 per cent increase which the union now says was all it ever wanted (even though, just to add to the general confusion, its initial demand was 11 per cent). So Labour would, as it were, intervene to countermand earlier interventions. Which, of course, is what most government intervention has always amounted to. The historical relationship between public-sector industries and governments of any complexion is so inextricable that any party which claims it would not intervene in this sort of dispute has to be lying.

> The union may be banking on a Labour government

What was it then that evoked this uncharacteristic fit of unambivalence from a Labour frontbencher? Dobson was almost certainly responding with ill-judged euphoria to an opinion poll in last week's *Mail on Sunday* which showed a majority of respondents supporting the strikers as opposed to their employers. This is a testimony to how badly Railtrack's case (and the Government's) has been presented.

The Government has once again thrown away a political gift, and Railtrack has a lot to learn. But Labour's instant conversion of poll approval into policy statement shows that it too has learnt little from experience. You may recall that opinion polls have been known to get things wrong before, leading to premature victory rallies and other embarrassments. But of more urgent importance is the question of whether Labour, even under Mr Blair, can damage industry and the economy simply by looking electable.



A sentimental history

Sir Arthur Bryant has been attacked as soft on Nazism, but **A.L.Rowse** says the historian had important qualities

By the academic world he was overlooked: by English society, particularly in London, Sir Arthur Bryant was thought to be the greatest of living historians. Now Andrew Roberts has attacked him in his book *Eminent Churchillians*. But it is difficult to strike a balance and give a just estimate of his work. He was the most popular historian of his time — and above all an emotional, even a sentimental, one.

His work emerged from a prodigious mass of journalism and topical booklets. I once heard him say, at Boughton, that as a schoolboy he had had to write an essay every week, and he had been doing it ever since. There was much of value in the heap. He was always alive and had a good sense of humour, a wonderful feeling for landscape and country life. He wrote endearingly about cats and dogs. He had a prodigious memory for verse, if a conventional taste: he did not go so far as to appreciate T.S. Eliot or later poetry.

His best qualities were his passion for the English past, and his gift for giving expression to it, calling back above all its life. And despite his variegated active concerns, markedly in education, he did more research than the people who overlooked him, and never gave up on it.

He began his historian's career with a fine flourish, in the dismal year 1931. His biography of Charles II appealed to the public at once and became a bestseller. Yet for all the attractiveness of the portrayal, I was not persuaded. Everything was described in Charles II's favour, with not a word of criticism. But hadn't he jeopardised, if not betrayed, the country's interests by falling in with Louis XIV? True, the Whigs accepted bribes from him too. But the duplicity of the party-games furthered Louis's march to ascendancy in Europe, which it took twenty years of European warfare later to reduce.

Bryant followed this, the next year, with a little book on Macaulay, appealingly based on original research among his papers at Trinity College, Cambridge. All the while Bryant was engaged on heavy research into the voluminous records, papers and manuscripts of Samuel Pepys. The first volume of his massive biography, *The Man in the Making*, appeared in 1934. This substantial volume was followed, in Bryant's manner — making the most of things — by a neat little book, *The England of Charles II*, and then an edition of the king's letters and speeches.

Alongside his multifarious other activities, his winning lecures and running an Arts and Crafts School at Cambridge, he plodded on at Pepys. He *was* a plodder, and in 1935 produced his second big volume, *The Years of Peril*. This was entirely on Pepys's side in the partisan charges against his administrative record. Here he was entirely justified: the little diarist was one of the finest servants the Royal Navy ever had.

This was followed by an enchanting anthology, *Postman's Horn*, inspired by Arthur's exquisite feeling for the past, and rendered still more valuable for the pieces that came from unpublished manuscripts. The third volume of Pepys, *The Saviour of the Navy*, came in 1938. Bryant varied his serious work by short popular books, such as his rather sycophantic tribute to Stanley Baldwin, the masterly party-manoeuvrer who kept the Tory party in office.

> He went on and on playing the same old record about the glories of England

In 1940 — of all years! — came a bombshell: *Unfinished Victory*. Throughout the 1930s Bryant was a supporter of the Tory party's appeasement policies, but I was thunder-struck when he charged Churchill for the feebleness of our armaments and our unpreparedness for war. This he charged to the ten-year rule, introduced in 1924, for reviewing defence needs. But after Hitler came to power in 1933 there was an obvious need for rearmament, as anyone who read *Mein Kampf* and watched Germany should have known. The book argued that we should go on making concession after concession, meeting Hitler's "grievances" — in other words, handing him triumphs on a plate. This had already served to build up his rule in Germany, and it was clear that if we continued we should be at his mercy. But Bryant couldn't see it. For all his gifts, he was a second-rate thinker. There was no question of his patriotism: his failing was muddle-headedness.

Harold Macmillan published the book. Liberal-minded to a fault, he said, "We are publishers, not policemen"; but Macmillans published no more books by Bryant.

He never mentioned that book to me, and only once, in later years, remarked casually that he had been wrong. Even so, I never learnt, until after his death, that he had gone farther: he had actually gone to Germany to reassure Hitler's adjutant of Britain's pacific intentions. Hitler could go ahead.

In the same year, he published his popular *English Saga*, to rehabilitate himself, and during the following years he devoted himself to a fine trilogy to keep our spirits up. This covered the long struggle with the French Revolution and Napoleon, and the eventually triumph of the Peninsular War. In 1942 came *The Years of Endurance* (such as we were going through at the time); 1944 saw *The Years of Victory*.

I found this volume exhilarating. It displayed Arthur's qualities at their best. He had a splendid eye for landscape and the topography of Spain, and was good at the battle scenes. The War in the Peninsula went on so long that some of the officers brought over their hounds — those were aristocratic days — and had fine runs, in the intervals of fighting, across that tawny, lion-coloured land.

In the last volume, *The Age of Elegance*, Arthur was equally at home. This covered the Regency years and after, Carlton House, and the Brighton Pavilion; the designing of the West End of London, Nash's Terraces, Regent's Park. Arthur was a man of taste, well equipped for all this. He loved beautiful objects and collected them, historic portraits, furniture, rugs, Aubusson carpets, snuff-boxes, étuis, Canton enamels. (And here I was willing to learn from him.)

For all his aristocratic taste, he had popular sympathies. He liked prize-fighters, old-fashioned trade unionists, and of course Army and Navy men, among whom he had a devoted following. He was miles away from Bloomsbury intellectuals, at the opposite pole to Lytton Strachey in several respects. Curiously enough, he maintained good relations with other historians: he was on friendly terms with Trevelyan and Neale, and my pupil Veronica Wedgwood. He was a clubbable man, with seductive charm and some endearing eccentricities. As to publishing, he was very professional, quick on the mark. As well as the large trilogy, he turned his hand to popular biographies of Nelson and Wellington.

Bryant was so much in the public eye, regarded by the uninstructed as our foremost historian, that he was given some special commissions, such as editing the Diaries of Alanbrooke and the record of the Green Howards (published as *Jackets of Green*). But he also engaged in a large, far-flung venture, yet another *History of England* in several volumes. Did we really need it?

He worked at it conscientiously, calling on friends for help. When he reached the volume of most concern to me, *The Elizabethan Deliverance*, I could not but recognise the freshness and enthusiasm; also I was relieved to find that it was fundamentally sound.

However, I was not in sympathy with the last phase of his work. He went on and on playing the old gramophone record about the continuing glories of England, even in the Silly Sixties when the decline of the country was all too evident.

So how much of all this work remains? There was a good deal of honest research. His large work on Samuel Pepys certainly stands. His Regency trilogy offers an authentic picture of the age, both vigorous and sympathetic. But I best liked his essays, collected in such books as *Historian's Holiday*. He was a born writer, as few are, and he dedicated perhaps obsessively. His thinking was emotional, and that was of a piece with his gifts.

Grasp the helping hand

Margot Norman says the disabled should be realistic

The late T.E. Utley would have felt a twinge of sympathy for Arthur Tunstall, the Australian boxing official who got himself thrown in the media stocks and pelted by all and sundry for describing the disabled athletes at the Commonwealth Games as "an embarrassment". It was just the sort of thing that Margaret Thatcher's favourite Tory sage was forever saying himself about the disabled and their dogmatic lobbyists. Being completely blind and unable to steer himself from one end of a straight corridor to the other without assistance, he was so obviously disabled himself that no one dared pillory him for doing so.

Peter Utley and the disability lobby coexisted in a condition of mutual embarrassment for reasons that are worth re-examining just now. He was an embarrassment to them because he was both utterly dependent and very successful, and most of all because he insisted that in his case the former was the key to the latter.

There were the lobbyists, campaigning for all manner of gadgetry and adaptations to the physical surroundings of the majority so that the disabled could become independent and compete on equal terms in all things, and there was Utley, the picture of elegant helplessness with an amanuensis-cum-human-guide-dog (and generally a rather young and pretty one) in constant attendance, urging disabled people not to waste their time and energies striving for an equivalence they could never fully attain. That way lay embitterment and disappointment, ran the Utley Disability Doctrine.

What the deaf, the blind, the halt and the lame ought to be doing was approaching life as a game of percentage tennis, and going for the shots they could win. If, like him, you had a fine intellect but no eyes through which to feed it, you would be foolish to spend your time struggling to master the skills of a limited self-sufficiency and waiting for the books you needed to appear in braille or on tape. No, it would take you longer than the sighted to "read" for your First, so you had better concentrate on that and cultivate your charm so as to ensure a constant supply of volunteers to read to you.

Cultivating charm is something the disability activists absolutely refuse to do. I happen to disagree with Mr Tunstall about incorporating events for the disabled in the Commonwealth Games, and behind his remarks about embarrassment you can see only too clearly the sometimes inordinate physical vanity of the athlete who cannot bear people to be in any way "not quite right". Well, he's sorry for what he said, and even though he is 74 I am sure he'll grow out of that attitude when he sees the disabled athletes in heroic action. What he won't forget, though, is the mugging the activists gave him. A bully in a wheelchair is no less odious than a bully on his own two legs.

Even Peter Utley, who was uninterested in sport, could see there was a genuine heroism in the exploits of disabled athletes, and that it was of exactly the same kind as that of able-bodied athletes striving to overcome the limitations of better physiques. What he could not be doing with was the misplaced heroism encouraged by the bully-boy tendency.

I remember, for example, greeting a young blind man for whom he arranged a lunch and some introductions. I was working as an "Utley girl" at the time, and automatically offered an arm to guide the young man across the lobby and up the stairs. He was so cross that he knocked me sideways and gave me a long lecture on how to treat the blind. Murmuring that perhaps not all blind people wanted to be treated the same, I stood aside and let him do as he wished, namely spend 20 uncomfortable minutes making his halting way alone. It may have been heroic but it was also ridiculous.

By the time we sat down he was in such a bad mood that when Peter gently apologised to the other guests for the lateness of our little party, he exploded into another long harangue about the unforgivable hostility and lack of accommodation to his condition of the able-bodied world. "The disabled," sighed Peter after he had gone, "can be so damned embarrassing."

Embarrassment is a minor business, but there was no denying that this particular young man, who was clever as well as cross, was actively worsening his chances of any career other than that of professional Disabled Person. He insisted on this campaigning approach, and nothing that other blind people said to the contrary made any difference.

It was this sort of dogmatism that robbed a generation of deaf children of that useful aid to independent fellowship, sign language. For a longish period, the teaching of sign language was regarded by the orthodox as retrograde and anti-integrationist. By some warped logic, it was better to campaign for sophisticated hearing aids that would be a long time coming, and meanwhile to leave deaf children floundering frustratedly in an integrated classroom, than to give them this simple key. It was useful, but not universal, and therefore elitist. Just like disabled athletes really . . .

Tories out

TERESA GORMAN, the Conservative MP for Billericay, looks likely to ruin many Tories' enjoyment of their October conference. She is planning to publish a political thriller to coincide with it, and the key to the plot is that Labour is in power.

True to rebellious form, Gorman is following up her account of the Maastricht machinations, called *Bastards*, which she chose to launch at last year's conference. Her novel, doubtless with just such an alarming title, is choc-a-bloc with frightful portents for Major and his crew.

"It will be a warning to them about what could happen if they don't get their act together," the Billericay battler warns ominously. For in Gorman's blockbuster we are governed by a wily and telegenic male Labour PM, with manic Euro-ambitions.

With only a small majority, he does a deal with Lib Dems, who are led by a woman. Meanwhile, the defeated Tories dump their male leader for a woman also with strong anti-Euro views — a sort of Gorman/ Thatcher cross, I imagine. Suggested titles so far include *The Gorman Conquest* and *Revenge of the Bastards*.

Those who imagine that Gorman is feverishly writing a bodice-ripper along the lines of Edwina Currie's literary effort, will be disappointed, however. "Sex? Absolutely not," she expostulates. "It's more Barbara Cartland than Jackie Collins."

E for enough

A SLIVER of solace for those doom-laden souls with disappointing A-level results. It doesn't matter a fig if we are to go by the experience of Damien Hirst, the high priest of shock-art who recently sold a pickled sheep for £25,000.

Hirst managed an E grade at Art A-level. It wasn't enough to win him a place at Central St Martin's College of Art and Design, and he had to work two years on a building site before being accepted at Goldsmith's College.

"He was already a non-conformist in the sixth form," remembers his old art teacher, David Wood. "The requirements of the examination were rather old-fashioned, leaving little scope for pupils with more progressive and, at times, outrageous ideas to express themselves fully."

● *One explanation for the expenses lavished on Britain's representatives abroad comes in this week's* Spectator *from the Falklands war hero Major-General Julian Thompson. "After a particular Secretary of State had left to catch his flight back to England after staying with a senior commander, his host's batman reported that their visitor had removed from the guest bathroom the shampoo, soap and towels put out for his use."*

Write stuff

STAMINA is one of the basic requirements of the modern biographer. And Eric Jacobs, who is writing the authorised story of Kingsley Amis, will testify to this only too readily. He tells me he is finding the work somewhat taxing on his liver. "We have met up to four times a week, often in the pub or at the Garrick Club," he says. "It has been quite expensive, even though we do go halves. And definitely rather drunken."

Whether their working lunches have influenced the novel Amis is currently writing is unclear. But Jacobs certainly appears to be a central character: the book is about a novelist who is having a biography written about him.

Bird is back

GOOD OMENS abound for the Arundel Festival in Sussex, which opens next week. Back in 1981, a tame crow belonging to Jean-Baptiste Thierrée, who runs the surrealist Le Cirque Imaginaire with Charlie Chaplin's daughter Victoria, flew off during festival week.

That black bird may be back. The festival chairman, Judith Buckland, reports the mysterious reappearance of a crow which perches rather alarmingly on the shoulders of Arundel folk. "It's hard to believe it could be the same bird after all these years," says Buckland. "But it certainly behaves just like Jean-Baptiste's Joey." The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds insists that a crow can easily live for 13 years in the wild. Although Buckland is not encouraging the bird, it refuses to leave the area. She is trying to contact Thierrée to make a formal identification. "But there is this very evil-looking black cat around . . ."

A classic

AS ANY schoolboy going on 50 knows, the text starts: "*Subito Cuniculus Albus oculis rubeis prope eam praeterilit*". I am referring, of course, to Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*: ". . . suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her".



Macmillan is catering for a burgeoning sector of the market. After 30 years it has reprinted the late Professor Clive Harcourt Carruthers' lively translation in Latin of Ludovici Carroll's *Alicia in Terra Mirabilis*. Doubtless it will join *Nuticulus atque Auritus* (*Noddy and Big Ears*), which was translated last year, on the nursery bookshelves.

Cake work

THAT exemplary former debutante the Duchess of Somerset is warming to her annual task of presiding over the Queen Charlotte's Ball in September. This year, however, she is taking lessons in cake-cutting before the event.

The reason is plain. She has to slice open a three-tier, 6ft cake decorated with cascading fountains, ice pools and swarming with confectionery birds of paradise. "It weighs a quarter of a ton and there are three gallons of water involved," explains the cake's architect Selwyn Stoby, the chief patissier of London's Lanesborough Hotel. "She's coming to me a week before for some lessons in how to deal with it."

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STILL FRAGILE

The economy is in no condition to absorb higher interest rates

The clutches of economic figures published yesterday and on Wednesday all, for once, tell the same story. Inflationary pressures are more subdued than they have been for decades, while the recovery is steady but slow. A boom is nowhere near the horizon, and consumers are interested only in bargain-hunting. The time could not be less propitious for an interest rate rise.

Wednesday's figures showed inflation falling by much more than the forecasters had predicted: from 2.6 to 2.3 per cent. Underlying inflation, at 2.2 per cent, is now the lowest it has been for 27 years. Meanwhile productivity is rising fast enough to offset increases in earnings, which are growing only modestly. And the economy is not recovering quickly enough to make much of a dent in unemployment, which fell by only 11,800.

If that were not enough to stifle any talk of Britain copying America's interest rate rise, yesterday produced more evidence of the tentativeness of the recovery. Retail sales rose by 0.4 per cent between June and July, but all of the increase was in food sales. Household goods were down by 0.7 per cent despite unprecedentedly aggressive discounting, and clothing and footwear rose by only 0.2 per cent even though prices had been cut by the largest amount since 1914. The story is of lower prices keeping spending volumes up, rather than strong consumer spending threatening higher prices.

The housing market remains fragile, which explains the low spending on household goods. Yesterday's bank and building society figures showed falling demand from personal borrowers. Meanwhile, M4, the Bank of England's broad measure of money supply, has been growing over the past three months at an annual rate of just 2.6 per cent, below the 3-9 per cent monitoring range.

This is emphatically not a recovery that is gathering momentum, nor one that threatens an imminent resurgence in inflation. Underlying these statistics may be a subtle change in consumer psychology. The falls in interest rates over the past two years have released the stranglehold on consumer spending that was throttling the economy. But borrowers are not breathing that much more easily. House prices are still stagnant, which makes them feel poor. Their taxes are higher and due to increase still further. They fear interest rates rising. Most important, perhaps, they do not feel confident about their income and job prospects.

In the past few years, lots of people have lost their job and almost everyone knows somebody who has. Those who have remained in work may have suffered a wage freeze, if not a cut. The lucky ones who have seen a rise barely notice it. The easy-going confidence of the employee who expects real increases in earnings each year has been replaced by a more watchful eye on prices and a tendency to delay big purchases until they are really necessary. And that is just the borrowers. Savers who rely on interest payments have seen their income more than halve since rates peaked in 1992.

So when Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, meets Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, next month, he must keep his nerve. All through this upturn, his hunches have been more accurate than those of the Governor. Mr George has feared an inflationary surge that has never materialised, while Mr Clarke has rightly continued to point to the weakness of the recovery.

The Governor is usually painted as the independent observer, in contrast to a Chancellor who is swayable by political considerations. But Mr George is under pressure to prove his anti-inflationary credentials to the financial markets. He is a robust defender of the Bank in its running debate with the Treasury. But Mr Clarke must not let himself be intimidated. His instincts are right.

ANOTHER BANDARANAIKE

Sri Lanka's voters return a dynasty to power

Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga is the new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, confirming that for all their differences — some religious, some ethnic and some imagined — the people of South Asia share a predilection for dynastic politics. India has had its Nehrus and Gandhis, and Pakistan its assortment of Bhuttos. Volatile Bangladesh, although a younger country than the others, has two dynasties vying for electoral favour. And as its recently concluded elections confirm resoundingly, the island of Sri Lanka has its Bandaranaikes, the ultimate nuclear political family.

Mrs Kumaratunga's late father, Solomon, and mother, Sirimavo, have both been Prime Ministers of Sri Lanka (or Ceylon, as it was), and she has inherited their complex political legacy. Yet the greater the distance she puts between her government and the old methods and policies of her mother, in particular, the better the country will be for those who live there. Although nourished on the family's socialist nationalism, and therefore expected to prescribe it as the diet for Sri Lanka, Mrs Kumaratunga sought in her campaign to reassure voters — and defuse some effective criticism from the ruling party — by promising "Thatcherism with a human face". She will do her countrymen a disservice if she fails to honour this commitment.

Mrs Kumaratunga's party, the People's Alliance, will need to tread delicately. Its majority in parliament is as thin as a *hopper* — the rice pancake that is the staple of the Sinhalese — compelling her to rely on the support of a group of small parties. Each will, naturally, demand a political price. But most inconveniently of all, the executive President, Dingiri Banda Wijetunge, belongs to the ruling — now defeated — United National Party (UNP). With a large and hostile UNP contingent in parliament, and saddled with a President who is unlikely to regard her ascent with enthusiasm, Mrs Kumaratunga faces a frustrating administrative baptism.

Politically, that may moderate her agenda. But the unhelpful situation in which she finds herself should focus attention on the pressing need for constitutional reform. Sri Lanka's executive presidency is a result of changes made in 1978 by Junius Jayawardene, leader of the UNP and a doughty opponent of Mrs Kumaratunga's mother. The abandonment of the country's original constitutional design — the Westminster model — was a serious error. The concentration of power in the President's office was abused relentlessly by Ranasinghe Premadasa, Mr Wijetunge's predecessor. A return to parliamentary democracy is necessary if Sri Lanka is to return to a truly democratic culture.

Yet no amount of constitutional reform, nor firm commitment to a liberal economy, will restore to this embattled country its social equilibrium if a solution is not found to the Tamil crisis. The civil war in the north has poisoned Sri Lanka: it has spawned terror, death and destruction, reducing the economy almost to rubble and destroying the country's democratic conventions. The UNP, whose approach to the Tamil question lacks both intelligence and conciliation, has left Mrs Kumaratunga a formidable task. Encouragingly, she has declared her readiness for unconditional talks with leaders of the various Tamil separatist armies. That is the right approach; it may, in fact, be the only approach. Sri Lanka needs a brave leader: in the daughter of the Bandaranaikes it may at last have found one.

CEREAL KILLERS

Green and pleasant land versus greenhouse effect

"There is no weather so good as English weather," wrote G.K Chesterton. His confidence may prove to have been misplaced. According to a new Greenpeace report, the alleged "greenhouse effect" is already transforming the English landscape and may alter fundamentally the nation's insect ecology. The pressure group gives warning of swarms of unwelcome pests invading the countryside as the temperature creeps slowly upwards.

The report rests on a premise that some scientists still regard as dubious: that emissions of gases such as carbon dioxide and methane will change the global climate with savage consequences for mankind and the environment. The scale of insect populations is certainly as dependent on temperature as it is on access to food. Scientists have recently noted fluctuations in the number of aphids in Britain and changes in the migration patterns of moths. Extrapolating from this preliminary evidence, the Greenpeace paper envisages a biblical plague of malaria-carrying mosquitoes, biting spiders, cockroaches, flies, cat fleas, mites and beetles devastating the nation's crops.

This is pure hypothesis. Even if one accepts that the greenhouse effect exists, its consequences are far from clear. It may be, for instance, that the predicted explosion in the numbers of insects would be matched by a comparable increase in the predatory instinct: ladybirds, frogs and disease might easily rise to the challenge. But — considered as hypothesis — the image of a dark swarm descending upon the green fields of England is a provocative one.

For this is not a land fit for insects. Perhaps a few Britons long for the cricket's song where it is not heard. But Burke struck a chord when he wrote that "the importunate chink" of the field insect was less worthy of respect than the silence of the cattle "reposed beneath the shadow of the British oak". Though Shakespeare mentions the occasional beetle — "shard-borne" in *Macbeth*, "gross" in *King Lear* — the general infrequency of insect metaphors in his plays might strike the archaeologist of language as significant.

Insects are regarded with instinctive suspicion in this country as alien, intrusive and unseemly. Buzzing and fussing, they disrupt the pleasurable rituals of rural and semi-rural life: picnics, punting and picking. Their aggressive character offends our ingrained sense of order. The first cuckoo heralds the joys of a new season; the first wasp its irritations.

The prospect of a storm-cloud of pests ruining the English countryside for generations could scarcely be more depressing. Environmentalists have always found it difficult to persuade the public that a hotter climate might be a bad thing. In their latest gloomy predictions — accurate or not — they have touched an ancestral nerve.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ambiguity in definitions of guilt and innocence

From Mr Nigel Walker

Sir, Professor Michael Zander's letter (August 12) about the significance of acquittals by juries and the quashing of convictions by the Court of Appeal glosses over a point which I tried to make to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice (of which Zander was a member) in 1991.

"Not guilty" is a dangerously ambiguous verdict. It means *either* that the jury (or magistrates) were not completely satisfied of the defendant's guilt *or* that they were satisfied of his innocence. They may even have believed that he was probably, but only probably, guilty, a standard of proof that would have been sufficient for an adverse verdict in a civil case. Court of Appeal decisions may be similarly ambiguous.

I therefore urged the royal commission to recognise the need for an intermediate verdict, on the lines of the Scots "not proven", but subject to clearer rules. It would enable juries (and magistrates) to declare their real view of the case. It would mean an acquittal could at last be understood as a declaration of innocence.

"Not proven" does not allow a court to impose any sentence, nor the prosecution to reopen the case if better evidence comes to light; but it allows those who have dealings with the defendant to be cautious.

The royal commission did not consider the idea worth serious discussion.

Yours etc,
NIGEL WALKER,
King's College, Cambridge.
August 15.

From Mr H. D. Potter

Sir, Professor Zander writes that Winston Silcott's successful appeal against conviction in the PC Blakelock case "no more represents a declaration of innocence than does an acquittal by a jury". In one sense he may be right: in the minds of judges or jurors the quashing of a conviction or an acquittal may represent no more than the presence of a reasonable doubt.

In law, however, he is wrong. In 1983 (*R v Hay*) the Court of Appeal held that an acquittal by a jury is conclusive of innocence; and in 1914 the House of Lords (*R v Barron*) held that when a conviction is quashed the appellant "is in the same position for all purposes as if he had actually been acquitted".

Yours faithfully,
H. D. POTTER,
Flat C, St Giles Centre,
81 Camberwell Church Street, SE5.

From Mr Andrew Johnson

Sir, Of course Professor Zander is technically right to say that the criminal trial doesn't address "the question whether someone is innocent". The whole point is that innocence is presumed until the contrary is proved. Clearly when someone has been convicted, and that conviction is subsequently quashed, the bland assumption of the system is that we have restored the status of the accused to what it was prior to the first trial.

The reality is otherwise. If Professor Zander, as a lawyer, is not able to make the necessary adjustment to ignore the conviction and appeal, how much less can the public at large, not being used to such theoretical propositions.

Yours faithfully,
A. JOHNSON,
Batt Broadbent & Beecroft (solicitors),
Minster Chambers,
42/44 Castle Street,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

From Lord Donaldson of Lymington

Sir, Professor Zander proclaims a vastly important truth of which both media and public appear to be almost wholly ignorant.

A "guilty" verdict means that in the view of the jury the accused undoubtedly committed the offence. It is not only the innocent who are entitled to a "not guilty" verdict. They are joined and, in my experience, are heavily outnumbered by the *almost* certainly guilty. This is as it should be because, as every law student is taught, it is far better that ten guilty men go free than that one innocent man be convicted.

This gives rise to two thoughts. First, ought we not to get rid of the "not guilty" verdict, substituting the more accurate "not proved"? Second, surely it is only the innocent who, if convicted, can in any real sense claim to have been the victims of a "miscarriage of justice".

Should not the true role of the Criminal Cases Review Authority, proposed by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, be to identify this very limited category?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. DONALDSON
(Master of the Rolls, 1982-92),
House of Lords.
August 12.

From Mr Louis Schaffer

Sir, The cornerstone of our criminal system is that everyone is presumed innocent until proved guilty beyond reasonable doubt. As I understand the law, since there is no longer any valid conviction of Winston Silcott of the murder of PC Blakelock, the presumption of innocence stands and Silcott is therefore in law innocent of that crime.

I have no sympathy with Winston Silcott, but if that is not a declaration of innocence I am afraid that the professor and I speak a different language.

Yours sincerely,
LOUIS SCHAFFER,
10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.
August 12.

Postwar Jewish immigration

From Lord Mayhew

Sir, You publish today letters from Zionist supporters arguing that Britain was wrong to try to restrict Jewish immigration into Palestine after the Second World War. Since I was personally involved at the time, as Ernest Bevin's parliamentary under-secretary, may I try to give a more balanced picture?

In human terms, the case for unrestricted entry was beyond argument. Hundreds of thousands of Jewish people, many of them physically or mentally maimed, were desperately fleeing the scene of their nightmare in Hitler's Europe. It seemed unthinkable to send any of them back.

The terrible dilemma was — as we knew and said at the time — that unrestricted entry was a certain prescription for war. The Zionists were demanding far more from the indigenous Arab population than they could be expected to accept peacefully — they feared, rightly as it proved, that the newcomers would drive them out and seize their land and homes. It was quite clear that if the flood of immigrants continued, the British Government could never keep the peace between the two sides.

Events soon justified these judgments. They explain why the British Government tried so hard — unsuccessfully but entirely honourably — to stem the tide of immigration.

Yours etc,
CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW,
House of Lords.
August 17.

Kedleston 'vandalism'

From Lady Alexandra Metcalfe

Sir, I was sorry to read Lord Scarsdale's criticisms of the National Trust's staff in charge of Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire (report, August 11). My experience has been quite different. Over the last few years I have had frequent dealings with officials of the trust in connection with gifts I have made to the Curzon family museum they are establishing in the house and I have found them unfailingly appreciative, courteous and professional.

My father, Lord Curzon, was an active supporter of the National Trust. On his death in 1925 he bequeathed to it his two beloved castles, Bodiam and Tattershall. My experience of the trust today leaves me in no doubt that he would be delighted that they, and now Kedleston, his family home, are in such good hands.

Yours sincerely,
ALEXANDRA METCALFE,
65 Eaton Place, SW1.

Cable-digging damage

From the Director General of the Cable Television Association

Sir, The cable communications industry has been actively constructing its network throughout Britain for over ten years and is committed to high environmental standards, including protection of street trees. To characterise our work as "a massive and immediate threat to almost all the mature street trees in every town and city in the country", as Professor Chris Baines and others stated (letter, August 12) is, in our view, inaccurate and alarmist.

The construction of trenches has been taking place for over 150 years by the various utilities such as gas, electricity, water or telecommunications. The techniques and practices undertaken by the cable operators are similar to those used by the other utilities and indeed in many cases we are likely to be using the same contractors.

The cable industry's commitment to carrying out sensitive and careful construction programmes near to trees is longstanding and well established. Cable companies already instruct their contractors to dig by hand around trees, minimising the risk of damaging tree roots. The specifications lay down guidelines on working near trees.

As well as liaising closely with local authority arboriculturists, many operators retain their own arboricultural consultant to give them direct and immediate advice.

In addition, we are working with the other utilities on a code of practice which is being prepared by the Department of the Environment, the Countryside Commission, the London Tree Officers' Association and the Arboricultural Association. We expect it to be in place by the end of September.

The industry has already dug thousands of kilometres of trenching. Professor Baines himself has estimated that less than 3 per cent of our construction passes close to a street tree.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WOOLLAM,
Director General,
The Cable Television Association,
The Fifth Floor, Artillery House,
Artillery Row, SW1.
August 15.

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Battles honoured and neglected

From Mr Gordon G. Fenwick

Sir, Anyone seriously interested in the preservation of battlefields (letters, August 15, etc) should take a day trip to the site of one of Britain's greatest victories, Crécy (1346).

The small *commune* of Crécy-en-Ponthieu commemorates the battle with a sympathetic reconstruction of Edward III's windmill, from the top of which one can see all the surrounding countryside which, although farmed, retains most of the original contours. With the aid of an excellent map and descriptions inscribed on brass plates in various languages one can follow the battle.

There is no entrance fee, the surrounding site is beautifully landscaped, and the coats of arms of the participants are expertly displayed on retaining brick walls. Discreetly hidden in a small parking area are picnic tables surrounded by roses and other bushes. There is also a spotlessly clean lavatory. There are no signs of grafitti or litter.

As far as I have been able to discover, the whole site is proudly maintained by the local residents of present day Crécy despite it representing the end to the supremacy of French feudal chivalry as it succumbed to the power of new warfare.

Yours etc,
GORDON G. FENWICK,
Tree Tops,
Helford, Cornwall.
August 16.

From Mr Roy Berrill

Sir, The Battle of Heavenfield in AD 635 resulted in the Golden Age of Northumbria along with Hexham Abbey, Ripon Abbey, and the monastery at Jarrow. These and others were associated with such names as Oswald (the victor), Cadwalla (the defeated), Cuthbert, Aidan, Bede, Wilfrid and many other saints.

The extent of the flourishing of Christianity following Oswald's success influenced much of west Germany, France, Austria, north Italy and many other areas.

It is a battle which is little known but the influence of which is possibly greater than some of those you reported.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. BERRILL,
Braeside, Wall,
Hexham, Northumberland.
August 3.

Siberian hospital

From Mr Peter I. D. George

Sir, I was intrigued by your article on Kate Marsden, who helped lepers in Siberia in the late nineteenth century ("Heroine of Russia cast out into the cold", August 15).

When I took part in this year's Ford London to New York Overland Challenge our route took us through Vilyuysk in northeast Siberia. Although we could only afford one day's stopover in the town, the single site that our host, the mayor, insisted we visited was the original hospital built by Miss Marsden.

It stands more or less as she left it and is still in use as a hospital. Although the local community are extremely proud of its history, it woefully lacks amenities and equipment.

The hospital remains a tribute to the courage and heroic spirit of Kate Marsden.

I remain, your obedient servant,
PETER GEORGE,
3 Bathwick Street, Bath, Avon.
August 16.

Drugs on demand

From Mr David Rees

Sir, Matthew Parris, in his article on the visit by the Home Secretary to Bolivia (August 15), makes a humorous, and devastating, point about the futility of trying to control the use of illicit drugs. I believe that the ethical case for suppressing recreational drug use is sound, but that it is simply not practical to prevent their use.

Anyone who wants drugs can obtain them. In addition, the soaring cost of drugs-related crime, in monetary form, in human misery and in the damage to our society, is obvious to us all. All any government can do is try to minimise the damage of this trade to our society, and to ordinary people.

When will the Government recognise these simple facts, and allow adults to purchase, for a reasonable price, a limited quantity of drugs for personal use?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID REES,
4 Pauls Way,
Watlington, Oxfordshire.

Hospital food

From Dr Shelagh Heffernan

Sir, Readers of your report about the quality of hospital food (August 9) may be interested to learn about my experiences on one ward of a London teaching hospital. The menus are produced on bonded paper; each patient is asked to select dishes for the next day. Two-thirds of the time, either the menus are not distributed, or delayed collection of them means the kitchen receives insufficient notice. Next day, a random selection of food arrives on the ward.

Otherwise, all goes according to plan: the menus are circulated, completed, and sent back to the kitchen. Unfortunately, the food which arrives often bears no relation to what has been ordered. The chocolate pudding is particularly elusive — I have ticked the correct box on at least four different occasions, but the next day, a pudding without a trace of chocolate invariably appears.

To add insult to injury, a glossy pamphlet containing the kitchen's recipes is sent up with each tray, to give patients an opportunity to reproduce the dishes at home.

Yours sincerely,
SHELAGH HEFFERNAN,
261 Lauderdale Tower,
Barbican, EC2.
August 9.

VJ-Day remembrance

From Mr John Hare

Sir, The debate over the date at which we should commemorate the ending of the Second World War (letters, August 5, 10), rightly focuses on remembrance and thanksgiving for the defeat of tyranny in both Germany and Japan.

However, nearly 50 years later, there are still thousands of living survivors of Japanese atrocities who have seen successive Japanese governments deny, ignore and evade the truth about Japan's conduct during that war. The contrast with Germany's post-war humility and financial generosity could not be starker.

This firm now acts on behalf of a number of organisations representing those imprisoned by the Japanese during the Second World War. We hope, on their behalf, that the new Japanese prime minister, Mr Murayama, was sincere this week, when he is reported to have offered his "heartfelt condolences" and "deep repentance" to those survivors, and that he will back his words with appropriate actions.

Surely, if we are to be able to commemorate or celebrate the ending of the war at all, Japan must fully acknowledge the truth about its military brutality and compensate its victims. Only then can we truly believe that Japanese militarism and xenophobia were indeed defeated.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN HARE,
Leigh, Day & Co (solicitors),
51 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

From Mr Percy S. Gourgey

Sir, To combine celebration of the 50th anniversary of VE-Day and VJ-Day next year would be to devalue the significance of both. The dates mark the end of two of the mightiest conflicts in history fought in the continents of Europe and Asia.

As a young naval officer in the Far East during the war, I was, together with countless others, involved in preparations for the recapture of Singapore when the atom bombs were dropped on Japan. If the war had continued by conventional means hundreds of thousands of those in the Armed Forces of the Crown might have died.

To mark separately the end of these conflicts would be to honour all the more the memory of those of our comrades-in-arms who fell in the fight for freedom against the different forces of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan.

Yours faithfully,
PERCY S. GOURGEY,
4 Poplar Court, Richmond Road,
East Twickenham, Middlesex.
August 11.

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Diplomatic travel

From Mr David L. Jones

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Britain should show its Spurs", August 6) and those who decree how our diplomats should travel, fail to understand that in this country true prestige is reflected in directly inverse proportion to its outward appearance. They should surely be guided by A. G. Macdonnell's description of a plenary session of the League of Nations in *England, Their England* (1933):

> The Frenchmen drove up in four magnificent Delage cars . . . the Spaniards were in Hispano-Suizas . . . the Italians in Isotta-Fraschinis, with their secretaries in Fiats; the Belgians in Minervas; while the Germans outdid everyone in vast silver Mercedes cars, driven by world-famous racing-drivers. The United States official Observers were mostly in Packards, Chryslers, Graham-Paiges, Willys-Knights, Buicks, Oldsmobiles, and Stutzes, [while the British Ambassador] and his two chief colleagues came in a four-wheel cab, and his secretaries . . . walked.

In any case, what was the advice given by the (then) Mr Norman Tebbit?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID L. JONES,
260 Court Road, Mottingham, SE9.
August 7.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

August 18: The Princess Royal today opened Peterhead Bay Harbour and Marina Project at Peterhead Bay Harbour, Peterhead, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened Peterhead Community Hospital, Links Terrace, Peterhead.

Birthdays today

The American President celebrates his 48th birthday today.

Professor Quentin Bell, art historian, 84; Commandant Daphne Blundell, former director, WRNS, 78; Mr Gordon Brand, Jr, golfer, 36; Lord Cocks of Hartcliffe, 65; Mr John Deacon, guitarist and songwriter, 43; Mr K.H.M. Dixon, former chairman, Rowntree, 65.

Mr C.J. Driver, master, Wellington College, 55; Lady Dunbar of Hempriggs, 88; Lord Ennals, 72; Dame Rose Heilbron, former High Court judge, 80; Mr E.R. Heward, former Chief Master of the Supreme Court, 82; Professor Sir David Hopwood, geneticist, 61.

Mr Stephen Hughes, MEP, 42; Mr Richard Ingrams, former editor, *Private Eye*, 57; Mr C.W. Jonas, senior partner, Drivers Jonas, 53; Mr David Lodge, actor, 73; Mr John Marshall, MP, 54; the Rt Rev Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, Bishop-designate of Rochester, 45.

Mr Michael Roper, former Keeper of Public Records, 62; Mr Willie Shoemaker, jockey, 63; Mrs Phyllida Stewart-Roberts, former superintendent-in-chief, St John Ambulance Brigade, 61; Mr John Taylor, MP, 53; Mr G.W. von Mallinckrodt, executive chairman, Schroders, 64; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt, 80; Mr Henry Wyndham, chairman, Sotheby's, 41.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Crichton, the "Admirable Crichton", athlete, scholar, poet and linguist, Eliock, Dumfriesshire, 1560; Gerbrand van den Eeckhout, painter, Amsterdam, 1621; John Dryden, Poet Laureate 1670-89, Northampton, 1631; John Flamstead, 1st Astronomer Royal 1675-1719, Denby, Derbyshire, 1646; James Nasmyth, inventor of the steam hammer, Edinburgh, 1808; Orville Wright, pioneer of aviation, Dayton, Ohio, 1871; Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel, fashion designer, Issoire, France, 1883; Ogden Nash, writer of humorous verse, Rye, New York, 1902.

DEATHS: Augustus, Roman emperor 27BC-AD14, Nola, near Naples, AD14; Andrea Palladio, architect, Vicenza, 1580; Blaise Pascal, philosopher, Paris, 1662; Jan De Witt, republican, assassinated in The Hague, 1672; Richard Burdon Haldane, 1st Viscount Haldane, creator of the Territorial Army, Cloan, Tayside, 1928; Sergei Diaghilev, impresario, Venice, 1929; Sir Henry Wood, conductor of the Proms concerts 1895-1944, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, 1944; Groucho Marx, comic actor, Santa Monica, California, 1977.

English colonists arrived in America on the coast of Maine, 1605.

Gary Powers, the American U-2 spy plane pilot, was sentenced to ten years' detention by a Soviet Court, 1960.

Poland became the first country in east Europe to end one-party rule when Solidarity's Tadeuz Mazowiecki became Prime Minister, 1989.



Oak Farm House today, and below, the former owner Tom Nott, aged six months, outside the cottage in his mother's arms in 1918

Rare offer – a home that looks its age

By Robin Young

THE estate agent's blurb describes it as a rare property — almost nothing has changed at Oak Farm House, Pebmarsh, Essex, since the previous owner was born there 76 years ago.

There are no mod cons, no electricity, gas or drainage, and no water, not even a garden pump or well. Tom Nott, the former owner, who lived in the house until his death last year, survived by fetching a daily bucket of water from his neighbours' cottage across the road.

There are no roses round the cottage door; instead until it was cut back recently ivy covered every window keeping out all the light, and forming a mass of tangled shoots two feet thick inside the bedrooms.

The kitchen has a small stone sink without taps, and the cooker is a turn-of-the-century kitchen range so dirty that it is impossible to tell its precise date and provenance.

The most modern feature is a newspaper cutting stuck on the scullery wall with drawing pins. It is dated August 19, 1940, and shows the previous resident's brother with the first harvester in the area.

The estate agents William H. Brown, who are offering the house in half an acre of land for £75,000, had to hack a path through the overgrown garden to afford prospective purchasers any access to view, and they still advise anyone who wants to look inside to take a torch and to tread carefully.

Richard Kemsley of William H. Brown, said: "Most people assumed the house had been derelict for years but in fact the previous owner lived there quite happily growing old with his home until the end of last year."



New test dates hill forts from the Bronze Age

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

A RADIOCARBON date from one of Ireland's most impressive hill forts suggests that their development took place several centuries earlier than thought.

The construction of such defensive sites indicates competition among Bronze-Age communities for territory and resources three thousand years ago.

Mooghaun fort occupies a low hilltop with extensive views over the Shannon estuary in Co Clare. Its three rings of stone ramparts enclose a substantial area, and appear to have been built as a single work programme, according to Dr Eoin Grogan. "The concentric layout of the ramparts in particular suggests an integrated design," he and Tom Condit report in *Archaeology Ireland*.

Such trivallate hill forts, like most others in Ireland, have been ascribed to the Iron Age between 500 BC and AD 400, but the radiocarbon date of a charcoal sample buried under the outer rampart places it at least four centuries earlier. The revised date, of 1255-917 BC, not only places the rampart construction firmly in the late Bronze Age, the investigators say, but also closely matches the dates from the trivallate hill fort known as Haughey's Fort at Navan in Ulster.

Similarly complex hilltop defences are known from Donegal in the northwest to Wicklow in the southeast, as well as at other sites near Mooghaun in the west. They suggest a concentration of human and material resources under rulers who controlled the construction of the defences.

Some Irish archaeologists are sceptical about the revised dating, saying that the single assay from Mooghaun is not enough to date the site adequately. It will, however, bring the Irish hill forts into the debate about the development of such sites in the British Isles, where the existence of Bronze-Age forts has been accepted for some time.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.A. Kaye and Miss J.S. Stevens

The engagement is announced between Daniel Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Kaye, of Rustington, West Sussex, and Julie Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Stevens, of Whiteparish, Wiltshire.

Mr C. McCartney and Miss S. Maingay

The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Dr Brian and Mrs Jean McCartney of Heswall, Wirral, and Sandee, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Layton Maingay, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Mr R.G.S. Stinton and Dr J.L. Brooks

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Stinton, Ilminster, Somerset, (formerly of Marlow, Buckinghamshire), and Joy, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Brooks, Hurst, Berkshire.

Mr G.M.L. Sulley and Miss E.L. Brooks

The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs D.M. Sulley, of Taunton, Somerset, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J.W. Brooks, of Disley, Cheshire.

Mr C.W.P. Woodcock and Miss L.A. Berry

The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Woodcock, and Lisa, eldest daughter of Mr G.D. Berry and Mrs J. Berry.

Marriages

Mr F.J.B. Corrie and Miss S.E. Batty Shaw

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 13, at St Botolph's Church, Barford, Norfolk, between Francis Jonathan Bruce, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Corrie, of Oxford, and Susan Elisabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs Anthony Batty Shaw.

Mr H.S.M. Singer and Miss S.L. Marron

The marriage took place on Saturday at All Saints, East Sheen, of Mr Humphrey Singer, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Singer and Miss Sarah Marron, daughter of Mrs Freda Marron and the late Mr Peter Marron, of Bromborough, Wirral.

Lieutenant D.J.W. Trundle RN and Miss L.J. Linton

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 13, 1994, at Walkerburn Parish Church, between Lieutenant David Jonathan William Trundle and Miss Linzi Jane Linton.

A reception was held at the Barony Castle Hotel, Eddleston, Peeblesshire.

Society of Apothecaries of London

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Apothecaries of London for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Alderman and Sheriff L.J. Chalstrey; Senior Warden, Professor B.S. Jay; Junior Warden, Dr F.B. Gibberd.

Protected birds at risk as RSPB loses case

By A Staff Reporter

SOME of Britain's rarest waders may be put in danger after conservationists yesterday failed to save an important wildlife habitat from commercial development under a port expansion scheme.

A challenge under European law by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds was rejected by the Court of Appeal in a 2-1 majority judgment.

The charity questioned a ruling that the Government was entitled to take economic factors into account when designating special protection areas for certain listed bird species.

Although the RSPB was given leave to appeal to the House of Lords, the court refused to grant a declaration outlawing the work in the meantime. Reclamation work has started on Lappel Bank, the 22 hectares of Medway estuary mudflats at the centre of the case. The society is concerned that this will affect an internationally important haunt of 50,000 wild fowl and waders including curlew, dunlin and bar-tailed godwit.

The Port of Sheerness Ltd went ahead with the scheme after the High Court last month decided that John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, acted lawfully in excluding Lappel Bank from a special protection area, covering 4,681 hectares of the estuary and marshes, for economic reasons.

Mr Gummer had said the conservation value of Lappel Bank — which formed less than 1 per cent of the protection area — was outweighed by the need to secure the economic future of Sheerness and the Isle of Sheppey, where unemployment is twice the national average.

The RSPB argued that on a proper interpretation of the 1979 European Birds Directive, economic considerations were irrelevant and only ornithological factors could be taken into account in deciding whether to exclude a site from a designated protection area.

But Lords Justices Steyn and Hirst upheld the High Court decision. Lord Justice Hoffmann dissented and said he thought that the RSPB argument was right.

The Medway Estuary special protection area is an internationally important breeding ground, migratory stop-over point and winter feeding area for wildfowl and wading birds. It supports significant numbers of at least eight listed species. The RSPB fears that if the High Court ruling is allowed to stand governments will be able to sidestep their international obligations to nature conservation.

The society now faces a massive bill for costs. Christopher Corrigan, the society's conservation officer for the South East, said that the decision would spell danger for some of Britain's rarest birds, including the little tern and the avocet.

He said: "We are obviously extremely disappointed by today's result. We have always seen this as a major test case with very wide implications for bird life. The danger is that the Government will use this decision to take advantage of a loophole in European law."

The society is to hold urgent talks with its legal representatives about an appeal.

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The angel said, "do not raise your hand against the boy; do not touch him. Now I know that you are a god-fearing man. You have not withheld from me your only son."
Genesis 22:12 (REB)

BIRTHS

AMES - On August 7th 1994, to Jane (née Pangbourne) and Ashley, a daughter, Charlotte Ashley, a sister for Emily.

BRADSHAW - On August 15th, to Karen (née Mellstrom) and Peter, a son, Daniel Nicholas, a brother for Harry.

COLLINGRIDGE-ADAMS - On 12th August 1994, to Lucinda and Tim, a son, Frederick James, a brother for Daisy and Polly.

COLTHORPE - On August 16th 1994, to Fiona (née Royle) and Robert, a son, Thomas Robert Lumsden, a brother for Rosanna.

COTTERELL - On Wednesday 17th August at The Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford, to Sarah (née Carpenter) and David, a son, Thomas George Stock, a brother for Katie.

COWLES - On July 31st, in Hong Kong, to Philippa (née Read) and Nick, a daughter, India Kate, a sister for Emily and Oliver.

DOMAN - On 16th August, to Denise and Lester, a daughter, Eleanor Alexandra, a sister for Alastair.

GOUGH-ALLEN - On August 16th, to Dyane (née Herbert) and Michael, a daughter, Julia Rachael.

HUSKISSON - On August 11th at The Portland Hospital, a son, Alexander James, a brother for Robert.

LEWIS/STEMPEL - On 3rd August, to Jon E. Lewis and Penny Stempel, a son, Tristram Joseph John Lewis-Stempel.

ORMOND - On July 30th 1994 at St Thomas' Hospital, to Catharine (née Furey) and Philip, a son, Christopher Emrys.

PARSONS - On August 17th at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Wendy and Nigel, a lovely daughter, Rachel Laura.

BIRTHS

POOLEY

On 15th August 1994 at Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, Middlesex, to Sarah (née Atkinson) and Andrew, a son, George Andrew. A first grandson for Bill, Toni, Diane and Michael.

RICHARDSON - On 19th February 1994 at the Royal Free, Hampstead, to Carolyn and Marcus, the gift of a son, Jack Scarlett. Happy half birthday darling.

WALKER - On August 17th, a son James Charles Alexander born to Catherine and John.

WATSON - On 31st July, to Sheila (née Moulding) and Gavin, a son, Maxwell William (Max).

WILLIAMS - On August 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Tina and David, beautiful twin daughters, Rebecca Felicity Kathryn and Natasha Zoë Francesca, sisters for Luke.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On August 16th, Ralph Picken, peacefully at New Victoria Hospital, aged 84. Will be sadly missed by his many friends. Funeral Service at Kingston Crematorium, Bonner Hill Road, Kingston, at 11.30 am on Thursday 25th August. Family flowers only. Donations to R.N.L.I. c/o Farebrothers Funeral Service, 21 London Road, Kingston-upon-Thames KT2.

ARDWICK - On 18th August, Lord Ardwick (John Beavan), peacefully, aged 84, at the Parkside Hospital, Wimbledon. He was the most wonderful and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be terribly missed. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

BARNES - On August 15th, Capt. George Horace, husband of the late Phyllis Mary. Much missed by his family and friends. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons, (071-387 6075). Donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I.

BUTLIN - Doris aged 102, passed away peacefully on August 16th 1994 at her home in Kettering, Northants. Much loved by all her family. Funeral Service to be held at Kettering Crematorium on Wednesday August 24th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations for the N.S.P.C.C. may be sent to Phillips Family Funeral Service, 25 Princes Street, Kettering, Northants. NN16 8RW.

CORNISH - On August 16th, peacefully, Katharine, aged 91 years. Beloved wife of the Rev. Philip Pym Cornish, mother of Margaret, Robert and John, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Osmund's Church, Parkstone, Poole, on Wednesday August 24th at 11.15 am. No flowers. Donations, if desired, for St Osmund's Church Fabric Fund may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32-34 Parkstone Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 2PG.

EATON HART - Sylvia, Founder of St Christopher's School, Radlett, Herts., died peacefully August 17th. Family cremation August 23rd. Memorial Service to be announced.

EVANDER EVANS - On 16th August 1994 in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, after a short illness, John Hay Evander Evans, aged 67. Much loved and respected by family, friends and colleagues. Cremation at Cambridge Crematorium, details from Stephen Ashley Funeral Director, Cambridge, tel: (0223) 527730. Family flowers only, donations to British Legion or RNLI.

HUTHNANCE - Samuel Leonard, aged 86, suddenly at home in Reading on 16th August. Dear husband of Ella and father of Margaret and John. Cremation on August 22nd, with family and close friends. Donations if desired to Dr. Barnardo's c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading.

JONES - R.B. (Ben), historian, writer, and schoolmaster at King Edward's, Bath, Oakham School and Goole Grammar School, died peacefully on August 17th, aged 61.

MUSAKANYA - Valentine on August 16th in London aged 60. Fortified by the Last Rites of the Church. Requiem Mass at 6 pm (1800 hours) at Church of Our Lady, 54 Lodge Road, St Johns Wood, on Friday August 19th (today). Funeral in Lusaka on Monday August 22nd. Requiescat in Pace.

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ROBINSON - On August 12th, tragically in an accident, Beatrice (Bunty), wife of the late Blewitt of Drinkstone Park, Bury St Edmunds. Funeral Service 25th August, Drinkstone Church at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations if desired to The Imperial Cancer Fund may be sent c/o L. Fulcher, 80 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1NX.

SHARP - H.N. (Monty) on August 17th 1994, peacefully after a long illness. Monty, aged 76, Manton, Marlborough. Sadly missed and much loved by his family and all who knew him. Family flowers only please, but donations in his memory to the Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne's Street, London W1.

SHEERMAN - Florence (née Pike), died peacefully in her sleep on August 17th at home in California, aged 91. Much loved wife of the late A.W. (Bill) Sheerman, mother of Dennis, Dorothy, Gerald, Robert and Barry. She will be sadly missed.

SHENNAN - On August 16th 1994, suddenly, David Bowes, aged 62. Beloved husband of Jenny, much loved brother of Clare, Biddy and Malcolm and stepfather of Joanna and Penny. Funeral at St Oswald's Church, Farnham, near Knaresborough, on Thursday 25th August at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations in memory for Victim Support to Swainsons Funeral Service, 39 Franklin Road, Harrogate HG1 5ED tel: (0423) 504571.

SWEET - The death is announced of Michael John Sweet, peacefully at his home in Singapore, on August 17th 1994, aged 62. Husband of Christine Sweet, and much loved father and grandfather of Anne, Gregory and Genevieve. All family and friends are warmly invited to St George's Church, Singapore at 2 pm on 23rd August to celebrate his memory. Cremation at Mount Vernon. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Hospice Care Association, 26 Dunearn Road, Singapore 1130.

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OBITUARIES

ELIAS CANETTI

Elias Canetti, the Nobel prize winning author, died on August 14 aged 89. He was born at Ruschuk, Bulgaria, on July 25, 1905.



ELIAS CANETTI was the first British citizen to win the Nobel Prize for Literature after Winston Churchill in 1953. He had lived in London from 1938 until the 1970s when he moved to Zurich, but few outside an informed minority in this country had heard of him when the Nobel Committee made its decision in 1981. The citation made mention of "his broad outlook, a wealth of ideas and artistic powers", but the remarkable thing was how frustratingly little of what was, in any case, a slim body of work had been translated from the German.

However, several of his books have achieved classic status. The first was a novel, *Die Blendung* (1935), translated into English in 1946. The second was a massive anthropological study on the psychology, history and political implications of the crowd, *Masse und Macht* (1960), translated as *Crowds and Power* two years later. More recently, three volumes of memoirs published between 1977 and 1985 — *The Tongue set Free*, *The Torch in my Ear* and *The Play of the Eyes* — have provided an unrivalled portrait of the vanished world of prewar European Jewry, and have won him many new readers.

Canetti was by nature an intensely reclusive man, and his response to sudden fame was to retreat even further from public view. It was not until 1985 that he lifted a ten-year boycott that restricted half of his books from being published in Britain — a protest apparently at his prolonged neglect by British publishers and critics, though he never fully explained his motives.

His reputation within the Continental intellectual community had been secured long before this, however, and his work favourably compared to Karl Kraus, Franz Kafka and Robert Musil — the writer Canetti placed highest among the moderns. Canetti's own work was marked by an intense awareness of the latent violence of language. George Steiner wrote of him: "He knows, as did the Greek tragedians, that words uttered in fury or despair will literally destroy those at whom they are flung; that political justice and injustice are woven into the words of the law." To certain themes he returned obsessively: the psychology of crowds; the nature of power; and the precarious relationship between the individual and the state.

He was born in Ruschuk, Bulgaria, a child of the Spanish-Jewish Diaspora. His father, Jacques Canetti, was a businessman, his mother Mathilde Arditi a possessive and gifted woman. His first language was the Sephardic tongue Ladino (a combination of medieval Spanish, Hebrew, Turkish and other elements). After his parents settled in Manchester when he was six, he picked up English. Two years later his father died; Canetti and his mother moved to Vienna, where German became his main language and the one in which he was to write his books. His education was multinational — schools in England, Zurich, Frankfurt, were followed by the University of Vienna, where he obtained a doctorate in chemistry in 1929.

In 1934, while working on *Die Blendung* he escaped his mother's influence by marrying Venetia Taubner-Calderón, the woman who, as "Veza", dominates his memoirs. His father-substitute was the great journalist Karl Kraus, whose stand against the modern vulgarisation of culture Canetti made his own.

Canetti's obsession with crowds and mass violence had begun at the age of nine, when he and his mother were attacked by a mob in Berlin. He had first seen large demonstrations in Zurich at the time of the runaway inflation in the 1920s, and on July 15, 1927, he witnessed the marching of a crowd of protesting workers on the Palace of Justice in Vienna. The Palace was set alight and some 90 unarmed demonstrators were killed. Canetti, though terrified, walked over afterwards and examined the corpses. This horrific scene marked a turning-point for him.

Increasingly confirmed in his bleak view of the world by a visit to Berlin in 1929, Canetti planned a series of eight novels intended to be a "*comédie humaine* of madness". He later described what he had in mind: "It seemed no longer possible to me to get to grips with the world by means of conventional realistic fiction" (Canetti had been particularly influenced, up to that point, by Balzac). "The world had fallen too much apart, as it were, in all directions."

In the event, only one book was ever written, *Die Blendung* ("The Blinding", 1935), translated into English under the supervision of Canetti by the historian C.V. Wedgwood 11 years later as *Auto da Fé* and in America as *Tower of Babel*. It was published in Germany in an extended version in 1965.

The book was originally intended to be entitled *Kant Catches Fire*, though Canetti found the pain of this working title too hard to endure. He was reluctant, however to separate from the idea of fire completely. Kant became instead a brilliant and obsessed Sinologist. Peter Kien (the German for resinous pinewood), a man blinded to reality by scholarship. Kien marries a rapacious housekeeper who conspires with the caretaker to oust her husband from his beloved library and apartment. Cut off from his work, rudderless and adrift in the grotesque underworld of Vienna, Kien begins to believe that he is literally carrying his library around in his head. He sinks into despair, finally returns to his library and sets the books and Chinese scrolls alight, thus burning himself alive in the process in one vast symbolic conflagration.

The narrative voice remains ironic throughout, enabling Canetti to treat ponderous themes — the proximity of abstract thought to madness; the psychology of Fascism; the role of language in society; the decline of liberal humanism — as black comedy. It was a work of extraordinary intellectual maturity and formal strength, which the 30-year-old Canetti would never again achieve in fiction.

But it also presented, by virtue of its terrible pessimism and its fragmentary narrative form, a strenuous challenge to readers. Reviewers complained of its dreadful morbidity, its insane humour, its rigid symbolism. *The Times* dismissed it as "ponderous and trivial". Only a few immediately appreciated its quality, among them Thomas Mann. Kate O'Brien thought it a "mad, magnificent work which we are not able to endure . . . but of which we dare not deny the genius or the justification."

Gradually the book's underground reputation grew. After the *Anschluss* the Canettis had emigrated and settled in Hampstead, where the presence of so many other German-speaking Jews was reassuring. Canetti had given up work on the other seven novels, feeling that, as far as fiction went, he had said everything he could in *Die Blendung*. But he was still possessed with certain ideas, as he recalled in his autobiography: "The problem of masses had occupied me since 1925 and that of power had become associated with it only a little later. But until shortly before the war they were not my only concern."

At this point Canetti resolved to devote himself to the problem rigorously and scientifically. The result, and the major work of his London years, was that massive hybrid of a book, *Masse und Macht* (1960), translated as *Crowds and Power* in 1962. It was an extraordinarily courageous and lengthy project ("the very slight prospect that [this endeavour] might succeed makes every kind of effort worthwhile" he recalled) and was not without faults. But, for all that, it remains a stimulating book, revealing Canetti as a genuine polymath — as Salman Rushdie remarked, "a sort of pre-structuralist Levi-Strauss crossed with James Frazer of *The Golden Bough*". Bushmen, Shia Muslims, Byzantine emperors, even orchestral conductors — all were raided as examples of the component elements of power.

Canetti's other work, with the exception of a brilliant short essay on Franz Kafka, *The Other Trial* (1969), was not so widely read, not least because so little of it was available in translation. His plays, which he had been writing since the 1930s, were intimately connected with his studies, and have so far been regarded as more interesting on the printed page than in performance. Written in Viennese dialogue, they were also almost impossible to render in English: *Hochzeit* (The Wedding, 1932), *Die Komödie der Eitelkeit* (Comedy of Vanity, 1934), *Die Befristeten*, performed in England in 1956 as *The Numbered*. They were collected as *Dramen* in 1964.

Meanwhile *Die Blendung*, after its third edition appeared in Germany in 1965, was beginning to achieve proper recognition. In 1966 Canetti received the Literature Prize of the City of Vienna and in the 1972 the much-coveted George Büchner Prize. Then in 1981, nearly half a century after his masterpiece and to the surprise of almost everybody, he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. This was in part due to what the committee felt (rightly or wrongly) was the tarnished political record of the Argentinian Jorge Luis Borges. And there were other more obvious candidates. But in choosing Canetti, the committee were affirming the importance of *Die Blendung*, which was by then being compared to the greatest novels of the century, in the tradition of Hermann Broch and Robert Musil.

Canetti remained scrupulously economical with his publications in later life, though these included travel writings — particularly the charming *The Voices of Marakesh* (1978) — and his three much acclaimed volumes of autobiography. He maintained two homes, in London and Zurich, in the latter of which he died.

His first wife died in 1963 and there were no children. His second wife, Hera, died in 1988. He leaves a daughter from his second marriage.

LESLIE PRESTON

Leslie Preston, architect, died on August 2 at Westcott, Surrey, aged 90. He was born in South Africa on November 27, 1903.



IF LESLIE PRESTON suffered a misfortune in his career as an architect, it was probably due to his having been trained at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in the 1920s. This meant he missed the student revolution there by ten years.

That extraordinary event of the mid-1930s led to the complete rejection of the traditional syllabus — academicism and ornamentation were out and modern architecture and imagination were in. Students from then on were taught to think for themselves again.

It is hard not to believe that Preston, who was a hard-working, warm-hearted enthusiast for his subject, would greatly have benefited from being in at the beginning of this new movement which so radically changed the direction of design. He was, after all, a very good student, winning the Royal Institute of British Architects' Henry Jarvis Award for excellence in 1924.

Frederick Leslie Preston was born in Johannesburg, the eldest son of an engineer who died when he was three. That tragedy brought the family back to England where the young Preston was educated at Dulwich College. He then went to the AA School before joining the practice of John Easton and Howard Robertson in Bedford Square, the winners of the RIBA Gold Medal and designers in the 1950s of the enormous Shell Building on London's South Bank.

He was married in 1927 and, by the time the war came, had been involved in numerous works, including the British Pavilion for the New York World's Fair.

Then, at the outbreak of war, he joined the RAF. He was primarily concerned with building landing strips at great speed, finishing up in The Netherlands as a wing commander with a mention in dispatches. He returned as a senior partner in Easton and Robertson, and his output from then until he retired in 1970 was immense, covering, in particular, a wide range of educational commissions. The University of Reading was almost entirely by him, and for that vast work he was honoured with a DLitt.

Besides that, he carried out work at the universities of Cambridge, Birmingham, Kent and Keele, and designed buildings for his old school, Dulwich College, for the Bank of England and for Lloyds Bank. He was also responsible for a variety of schemes for laboratories, aquariums and hotels.

Preston constantly sought a kind of professional perfectionism. He was unlikely to have claimed more for his buildings, since his efforts to achieve an understanding of modern architecture, and then to try to express this in his work, was plainly an uphill struggle: he had to be satisfied with giving his clients an efficient product, an achievement in itself when the shoddiness on many postwar structures is remembered.

His wife died in 1982 and he is survived by his daughter.

LORD ARDWICK

Lord Ardwick, journalist and politician, died yesterday aged 84. He was born on April 19, 1910.

LORD ARDWICK spoke on behalf of journalism in the House of Lords for more than twenty years. He was created a life peer by Lord Wilson of Rievaulx when he was Prime Minister in 1970 specifically for that role. Wilson believed there were enough peers already who represented the proprietors and publishers and he wanted a working newspaperman to speak for the press. Ardwick, who had been most things in journalism from apprentice reporter to editor, had every qualification for the task. He had the additional asset from Wilson's point of view of being a lifelong Labour supporter.

Ardwick took his responsibilities seriously, playing a prominent part in almost every debate on the media and being a regular attender on whom his party whips could rely. He was a strong advocate of televising the Lords and, when that experiment proved successful, he did all that he could to secure the introduction of the cameras into the Commons although, as a peer and officially unable to intervene in the affairs of the other chamber, his views had to be expressed behind the scenes.

He was born John Cowburn Beavan, the son of Silas Morgan Beavan, a Welshman who had settled in Manchester. His mother, like his father, was a crusader for the Labour Party, holding street corner meetings and giving hospitality to visiting speakers. She became Alderman Mrs Emily Beavan, JP, still remembered by Labour veterans as a formidable member of Manchester City Council. The family lived in Ardwick and Beavan's choice of title when he became a peer recognised that, however far he had travelled, his roots were in the north-west. Despite a liking for the cosmopolitan life, he remained a Mancunian at heart. Educated at Manchester Grammar School, he read *The Guardian* every day of his life and one of his greatest disappointments came with the realisation that he would never be its editor.

Unlike many of his school friends who went on to university, his family circumstances denied him any chance of higher education. He started work on the *Blackpool Times* at age of 17 but was soon back in Manchester on the staff of the *Evening Chronicle*. He transferred to the rival paper, the *Manchester Evening News*, in a move which was to shape much of his career. His transfer came about in a revealing way.

The then editor of the *Manchester Evening News*, William Haley, later to become Sir William and editor of *The Times*, went to an inter-office cricket match and found himself discussing Shaw's plays with a young man from the *Chronicle*. Impressed, he hired him on the spot. Beavan's other talents were soon discovered. He was sent to his paper's London office to widen his scope and then brought back as news editor. The attractions of London were sufficient to tempt him on to the staff of the *Evening Standard*, where he wrote leaders and helped to edit the Londoner's Diary but he resisted the further blandishments of the proprietor, Lord Beaverbrook, who promised him great things.

Instead, in 1942 he went to *The Observer*, where wartime staff shortages made him both news editor and chief sub-editor. He seemed settled in London but Haley, who had been appointed editor-in-chief at the BBC (where he shortly became director-general), suggested Beavan as his successor at the *Manchester Evening News* in 1943. The post carried an extra attraction: a seat on the board of the Manchester Guardian and Evening News Ltd.

When the war ended Beavan at last joined the paper he had always admired and of which he was already a director. He was made London editor, a post of considerable importance as the *Guardian* until the early 1960s was still edited and printed in Manchester. Beavan spent nine years in charge of the London office. This was not a particularly happy period in his life as he soon realised that he was unlikely to progress further up the paper. He was also — unlike his predecessor Evelyn Montague and his successor Gerard Fay — not especially popular in the office, where his curious habit of saying little and whistling perpetually through his teeth was found unnerving.



Nevertheless, it came as a surprise to his friends when he left journalism in 1955 to be assistant director of the Nuffield Foundation. The variety of the work, reaching from medical research to the causes of crime, appealed to him and it satisfied his social conscience. But this proved to be merely an interlude. When the Labour trumpets sounded in 1960 and summoned him to edit the trade union-backed *Daily Herald* he answered the call. He realised that he was still a newspaperman at heart and was bored with being a bureaucrat, however benign the organisation.

At first it appeared an ideal move. The *Herald*'s politics were his politics — he had been a party member for more than 30 years — and the paper was in one of its periodic efforts at self-improvement, which he believed he could guide and direct. He certainly improved the paper — recruiting some superior journalists, like David Watt, to its staff — but he was given little chance to turn it round. The *Herald*, owned jointly by Odhams Press and the TUC, changed ownership in 1962 when it became part of the International Publishing Corporation. Despite initial assurances about continuity of editorship from the IPC chairman, Cecil King, Beavan was soon replaced by Sydney Jacobson, subsequently to become his colleague in the Lords. Jacobson was appointed by the new owners to the editor's chair and Beavan was moved to the *Mirror* by Hugh Cudlipp, eventually the recipient of yet another IPC coronet.

While losing the *Herald* editorship was a major blow, possibly more hurtful even than his earlier realisation that he would never edit *The Guardian*, a further phase of his career soon opened up. Cudlipp, an old friend going back to the days when they were junior reporters together in Blackpool, offered him the political overlordship of the Mirror Group — though in terms of decisive influence he was once again to be superseded by Sydney Jacobson after he returned to the Mirror headquarters after two years editing the *Herald*.

Still, as political adviser, he spent 13 productive years. He had always been an enthusiastic spectator of politics and now he became a vicarious player, even though he never held any elective office. He wrote leaders and commentaries for the *Daily Mirror* and the *Sunday Mirror*. He interviewed four successive prime ministers. He helped write speeches for Hugh Gaitskell and later Labour leaders. He also wrote, under King's direction, the famous "enough is enough" article signed by King which the IPC chief hoped would destroy Wilson but which resulted only in the destruction of King as a newspaper chairman.

When Ardwick reached retirement age at the Mirror Group it was thought that he would subside gratefully on to the red benches in the Lords and take things more easily, particularly as he had only just recovered from a lengthy illness.

Instead, he was appointed a Labour member of the European Parliament and started commuting between London and Strasbourg, plus side trips to Luxembourg and Brussels, with all the zest of a much younger man and with constant enjoyment of a truly European life style. When he was 69, however, British MEPs were elected directly for the first time and he decided that probably it was too late in his life to start electioneering. He transferred his energies to the House of Lords where he continued to work and speak for more than a decade.

After he left active journalism he did not stop writing but contributed to a number of periodicals, including *The Political Quarterly* and *The House Magazine*. He served as chairman of the press freedom committee of the Commonwealth Press Union and as honorary secretary of the British Committee of the International Press Institute. He was also a member of the UK delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly.

He was married in 1934 to Gladys Jones and she survives him, together with their adopted daughter. He also had a son — the journalist Matthew Symonds — by Anne Symonds, the former Bush House BBC producer.

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TV's ENDLESS STREET

'Coronation Street' is 1,000 episodes old tonight

At 7.30 tonight some 6,500,000 people will sit down in front of their television sets to wait for the strains of a moaning trumpet, reminiscent of the Salvation Army on a wet Sunday in Salford, and the sight of terraced roofs covering the sort of dwellings known in NW1 as "artisans' cottages". The thousandth episode of Granada Television's *Coronation Street* will have begun.

Nearly ten years ago that same doleful signature tune went out for the first time. In the intervening years the twice-weekly programme has become a social phenomenon. No other series can approach its record of viewing figures: in the early months it built up a public of around 5 million, and recently the figures have been nearly 7 million.

The first episode was broadcast in December, 1960. In January 1961, *Coronation Street* first appeared in the Northern Top Ten rating chart: by February it had reached number 1. In March it featured for the first time in the national Top Ten figures and by August it had climbed to the number 1 spot. Since then it has never been far from that position.

June Howson, the programme's 13th producer, is far from sure of the reasons for *Coronation Street*'s immense success — and certainly she cannot explain its popularity in Thailand or in Hong Kong where they ran it with vertical Cantonese subtitles. Its attraction in Australia, where some cities are treated to five episodes a week in a frantic attempt to catch up with British screenings, is perhaps more easily explained in terms of nostalgia.

But one reason suggested by Miss Howson for the programme's triumph in Britain seems convincing. Just as the most popular bed-time tales tend to feature children similar to those of the listener, so the casting of *Coronation Street*'s original characters was quite brilliant.

In *Coronation Street* the income/lifestyle equation is totally credible and the very banality of life itself lends credence. Nevertheless, between 1960 and 1970 that style has changed: the sauce bottles on Elsie Tanner's table in episode one would have looked very like sore thumbs in episode 999 on Monday night.

Pat Phoenix herself, who plays the character — "handsome" is perhaps an apt description — looks ten years younger now than she did in 1960 and it would no longer fit her role to show her reading a comic as she did in episode one.

In part such seemingly minor changes could be explained by the fact that the serial has so far worked its way through 60 scriptwriters (operating in teams). But since the writers of dialogue work to an overall story-line writer, and since he is ultimately subordinate to the producer, the change in the general tone of the serial cannot be put down to inconsistency.

More convincingly it can be explained by the ability of successive producers realistically to reflect life in one particular stratum of society, changes and all.

ON THIS DAY

August 19, 1970

"Doomed from the start" was the verdict of one Fleet Street critic on a new soap opera in December 1960. It was flourishing ten years later, and will he be one of the 16 million watching episode 3,741 tonight?

NEWS

New police caution under attack

■ A new 60-word caution that police would have to read to suspects in place of the present 22-word version was met with a barrage of criticism when it was announced by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

It was welcomed by officers on the beat but lawyers, civil liberties groups and police organisations claimed that the longer caution, necessitated by plans to modify the right to silence, would not be understood by many suspects..... **Page 1**

Survey demands radical Tories

■ The first official survey of Tory grassroots opinion are expected by its authors to put pressure on the Prime Minister to adopt a radical political agenda. The survey questionnaire has been prompted by concern that the Government risks losing traditional supporters..... **Page 1**

Students' new test

Almost 100,000 students had been rejected from their chosen degree courses as universities geared up for a frenetic period of clearing..... **Pages 1, 6**

Graces saved

John Paul Getty reinstated his offer of £1 million for the campaign to save the *Three Graces*, virtually guaranteeing the statue will stay in Britain..... **Page 1**

Offender's complaint

A teenage offender who complained when he was refused an all-expenses-paid trip to Central America has had his protest upheld by a review panel ..... **Page 2**

Killer's remorse

Alan Conner, the drifter who raped and murdered Sandra Parkinson, was racked by grief and remorse when he killed himself by hanging himself from a tree with agricultural twine, a coroner decided..... **Page 3**

Disabled row

A top Australian sports official at the Commonwealth Games received international condemnation for saying that disabled competitors would be an embarrassment at the so-called Friendly Games ..... **Page 5**

Doctors' pay

The British Medical Association claimed backing for its stand against performance-related pay for hospital doctors..... **Page 6**

Sex lesson praised

Susan Brady, 44, a school nurse, denounced by ministers for telling pupils as young as ten about oral sex has been praised in an official report..... **Page 7**

DNA crimefighter

Britain is to have the first criminal DNA database in the world. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is to announce..... **Page 9**

Defiant Mandela

President Mandela brought a defiant note to the end of his first 100 days, defending his record, which has come under fire for lack of achievement..... **Page 10**

Family affair

Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, 49, daughter of one of Asia's most prominent political families, will be sworn in as Sri Lanka's Prime Minister. **Page 11**

Nuclear arrests

Moscow signalled that it was willing to combat the export of nuclear materials after police arrested three more suspected smugglers and the intelligence services agreed to co-operate with the West..... **Page 12**

Cuban exodus

Hundreds of Cubans continued to launch themselves into the Florida Straits in the biggest exodus from the island since 1980, heralding another policy nightmare for the struggling Clinton Administration..... **Page 13**

Coffee costs McDonalds £2m a cup

■ The McDonald's hamburger chain, which is contesting in the British High Court claims that it has thinned the ozone layer, denuded rain forests, starved the Third World, and poisoned its customers with foods that cause cancer, had damages of £1.9 million awarded against it by an American jury for an old lady who burnt herself with its coffee..... **Page 1**

MIKE WALKER



Alexander Faludy, 11, who has dyslexia, has won an English A-level even though he can write only two words a minute. **Page 6**

BUSINESS

Economy: Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, faced yet more evidence arguing against a near-term rise in interest rates, including weak borrowing and a struggling housing market which is damaging spending..... Page 21

Investments: J Rothschild Assurance became the latest life insurance company to be fined by Lautro after admitting failure to abide by the industry's rules..... **Page 21**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 7.7 to close at 3,182.6. Sterling fell from 78.8 to 78.7 after a rise from $1.5385 to $1.5460 but a fall from DM2.4004 to DM2.3901 ...**Page 24**

Cricket: South Africa shrugged off a bad start by their batsmen and a blow on the head to Jonty Rhodes to reach a total of 326 for eight at the close of the first day of the third Test at The Oval ..... **Page 40**

Golf: Ian Woosnam continued his recent revival of form in the English Open with a round of 68 to finish two stokes behind the leader, Barry Lane ..... **Page 35**

Commonwealth Games: David Miller sets the scene for the "friendly games" which open in Victoria, Canada, today with action in the swimming, cycling, badminton and bowls competitions..... **Page 34**

House of wax: "In the Tussaud tumbril tradition, they bin you pretty smartly when your day is done." Libby Purves..... **Page 14**

Fringe benefit: Face to face with the rocker's daughter: Karis Jagger at *Edinburgh*..... **Page 14**

Catholic quest: Julia Llewellyn Smith talks to Alice Thomas Ellis about *Serpent on the Rock*, her inquiry into the present state of Roman Catholicism..... **Page 15**

Technical prospects: Two pages of the latest news and job opportunities..... **Pages 28, 29**

German Day: At the Edinburgh Festival Rodney Milnes reviews *Fidelio Day*, which revived the original version of Beethoven's opera, and Benedict Nightingale sees Goethe's *Torquato Tasso* in a new English translation..... **Page 31**

Period Prom: John Eliot Gardiner scored a great success at the Proms with a period-instrument performance of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony..... **Page 31**

Pop on Friday: Shawn Colvin, the fastest-rising thing in the folk firmament; and Caitlin Moran on the ever-abrasive Jesus and Mary Chain..... **Page 32, 33**

David Perry and Jeremy Lloyd, creators of *'Allo! 'Allo!*, have produced a sitcom set in the desert in 1942 about two Australian and two British soldiers. *Which Way to the War* (ITV 8.30pm) ..... **Page 39**

Still fragile

A boom is nowhere near the horizon: the time could not be less propitious for an interest rate rise..... **Page 17**

Another Bandaranaike

Sri Lanka needs a brave leader: in Chandrika Kumaratunga it may have found one..... **Page 17**

Cereal killers

Insects are regarded with instinctive suspicion as alien, intrusive and unseemly..... **Page 17**

A.L. ROWSE

Arthur Bryant was a born writer as few are, and he dedicated himself, even obsessively, to his gifts, which were not those of a first-class intellect..... **Page 16**

JANET DALEY

Both sides in the rail dispute know that its outcome will determine whether this vital industry will continue to be run by two armoured goliaths facing one another across a battlefield of dismembered services..... **Page 16**

Elias Canetti, author; **Lord Ardwick**, journalist and politician; **Leslie Preston**, architect..... **Page 19**

Ambiguity in definitions of guilt and innocence ..... **Page 17**

In attempting to wheel and deal his way around the White House and be a protector of the Clintons' political fortunes — neither purpose compatible with the responsibilities of his Treasury job — Mr Altman exemplified political ambition foolishly, even recklessly, pursued — *Washington Post*

It is only the timing of the French pullout that is in dispute. A new Rwandan government eager to reassure terrified Hutu would add to its credibility by agreeing to a continued French presence in the security zone until a multinational force is deployed— *New York Times*

PEOPLE



Elizabeth Taylor is suing the American television network NBC over a mini-series based on a book that portrays her as a battered wife **Page 3**



Charles Uwiragye, a Rwandan Twa pygmy, described how he led a terrified group of women and children to safety during the civil war **Page 10**



Dr Marion Tinsley, 67, a retired professor from Atlanta who is defending his world draughts title, faces defeat by Chinook, a computer program **Page 7**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

High life in the garden

■ The City lawyer who built the two-storey house of his dreams — high in the branches of a 100-year-old chestnut. **Weekend**

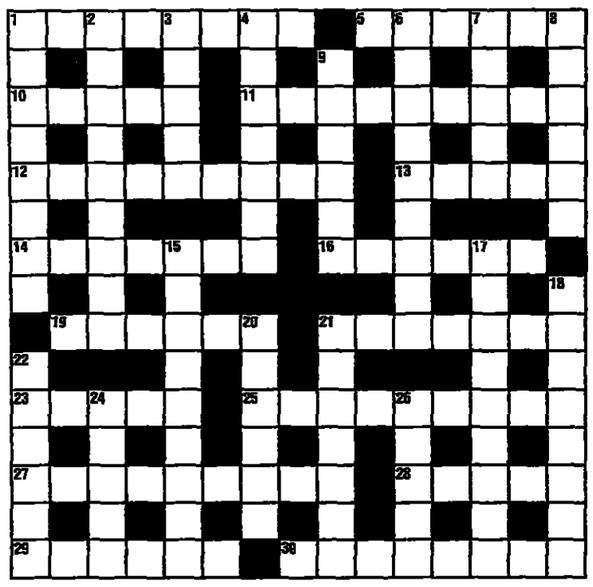
Round-the-clock motoring

■ Why buy a new car every few years? Some proud owners are clocking up half a million miles. **Weekend**

Bastille besieged

■ It should have been the jewel in the crown of Paris's cultural life. Instead the Bastille Opera has become more famous for bloodletting and strikes than for anything happening on its vast stage

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,625



ACROSS

1 In retirement English scholar accepts important case (8).
5 Express opposition to article (6).
10 Nancy becoming worldly-wise . . . (5).
11 . . . armed with this new book (4,5).
12 Short rehearsal before a student's examination (9).
13 Put away in a neat envelope (5).
14 A standard punishment (7).
16 An exhibitor in the rain? (6).
19 Information given to counsel (6).
21 Skilful Scotsman admitted being recalcitrant (7).
23 Crack troops abandon firm intention (5).
25 Accept one — getting several is tedious! (9).
27 Where a char can be found, on the whole (2,3,4).
28 Second shave not required in normal circumstances (5).
29 Enforce compliance with design without a model (6).
30 A dimple ensnared a lady's admirer (8).

DOWN

1 Agreed to being adopted (8).
2 Organise and handle aid (4,1,4).
3 Track steward's first appearance in race meeting (5).
4 A medium in Surrey, perhaps (7).
6 Gambler postponed getting richer (6,3).
7 A letter, I hear, satisfied the social worker (5).
8 It upset well-balanced drink (6).
9 Questions hard for cooks (6).
15 Absurd charges the French introduced (9).
17 Dreadful bore with a tale carefully worked out (9).
18 The most unreasonable guide — almost a nuisance! (8).
20 Divorce often ends with wife taking the blame for embrace (6).
21 Many fell, exhausted (7).
22 Detailed support by holiday centre in Italian town . . . (6).
24 . . . allowed riding as a relaxation (3-2).
26 Outgoing children (5).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Hove, East Sussex, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Cromer, Norfolk, 1.30in; highest sunshine: Minehead, Somerset, 12.4hr

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The rest of England and Wales will have sunny intervals and a few light showers. Over Scotland and Northern Ireland there are likely to be heavy and frequent showers, particularly over western coasts.

☐ **London, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, S Wales, Central N England, N E England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** sunny intervals, isolated showers. Wind southwest, light to moderate. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **S E England, Central S England, Channel Isles, S W England:** cloudy with patchy rain, brighter later. Wind west, moderate to fresh. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **N Wales, N W England, Lake District, Isle of Man, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands:** some sunshine, showers. Wind moderate to fresh, southwesterly. Max 18C (64f).

☐ **N E Scotland, Argyll, N W Scotland, Orkney, N Ireland:** frequent showers, possibly thundery. Wind moderate or fresh, southwesterly. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Shetland:** rain at times. Drier and brighter later. Wind southeast moderate, becoming southwest light. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** sunny intervals. Showers in north dying out slowly.

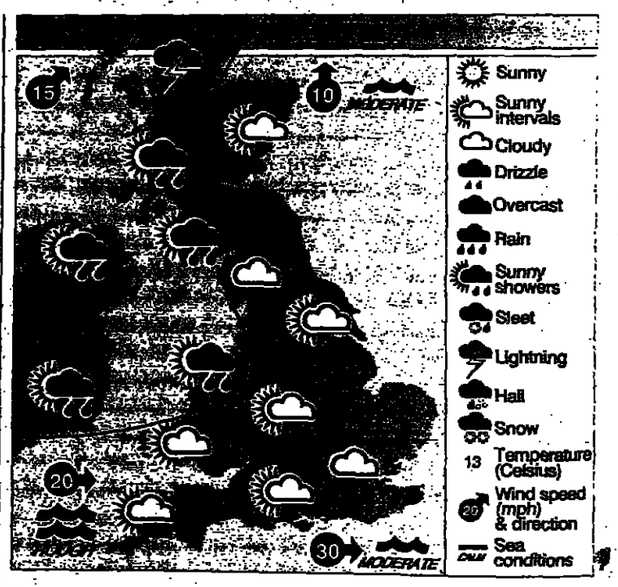
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Aberdeen	7.5	0.07	17	63	s	*Littlehmptn*	8.6	0.36	21	70	sh
Anglesey	0.6	0.18	16	61	sh	Liverpool	5.6	0.28	18	61	b
Aspatria	4.6	0.23	19	66	r	London	7.3	0.03	19	66	r
Aviemore	5.2	0.20	16	61	sh	Lowestoft	5.0	0.29	18	64	t
Belfast	3.4	0.61	17	63	sh	Manchester	2.4	0.61	17	63	t
Birmingham	4.1	0.20	16	61	sh	Margate	5.9	0.16	20	68	r
Bognor R	8.7	0.18	21	70	r	Minehead	12.4	0.19	18	64	s
Bournem'th	10.1	0.16	21	70	s	Morecambe	X				
Bristol	9.6	0.28	18	64	s	Newcastle	X				
Buxton	3.2	0.78	13	55	sh	Newquay	8.9	0.08	18	64	s
Cardiff	10.6	0.52	17	63	s	Norwich	4.7	0.24	17	63	sh
Clacton	5.8	0.09	18	64	sh	Nottingham	3.4	0.12	16	61	sh
Cleethorpes	3.1	0.15	15	59	t	Oxford	7.8	0.20	18	64	s
Colwyn Bay	4.4	0.28	16	61	b	Penzance	12.9	0.28	19	66	r
Cromer	4.1	1.30	17	63	sh	Plymouth	10.1	0.08	18	64	s
Doncaster	4.3	0.03	16	64	b	Prestatyn	X	0.36	15	59	sh
Dunbar	7.1	0.08	16	61	s	Ross-o-wye	7.0	0.33	17	63	s
Eastbourne	X					Ryde	8.6	0.22	21	70	s
Edinburgh	6.4	0.09	20	68	sh	Salcombe	9.2	0.18	20	68	b
Eskdalemuir	5.7	0.17	17	63	sh	Sandown	7.7	0.13	20	68	r
Exmouth	9.5	0.10	19	66	b	Saunton Snd	11.1	0.14	17	63	s
Falmouth	X	0.29	18	64	sh	Scarboro'	0.8	0.30	13	55	r
Fishguard	10.8	0.39	16	61	s	Scilly Isles	3.1	0.82	18	64	d
Folkestone	8.5	0.28	20	68	r	Shanklin	7.6	0.26	19	66	s
Glasgow	7.6	0.03	20	68	s	Shrewsbury	4.8	0.30	17	63	sh
Guernsey	0.6	0.31	17	63	r	Skegness	3.0	0.30	17	63	sh
Hastings	5.9	0.15	19	66	s	Southport	4.7	0.41	17	63	sh
Hayling I.	7.8	0.21	21	70	s	Southsea	8.5	0.17	21	70	r
Herne Bay	5.7	0.11	20	68	sh	Stornoway	7.7	0.69	15	59	s
Hove	6.4	0.22	22	72	b	Swanage	8.8	0.09	20	68	s
Hunstanton	X					Teignmouth	9.8	0.09	20	68	s
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Isle of Man	6.2	0.15	17	63	s	Tiree	8.3	0.04	16	61	s
Jersey	1.5	0.54	16	61	r	Torquay	9.1	0.12	20	68	b
Kinloss	3.7	0.02	16	61	sh	Tynemouth	0.7	0.72	14	57	c
Leeds	3.7	0.19	18	64	sh	Ventnor	7.9	0.11	19	66	s
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These are Wednesday's figures.

Alaccio	28	82	s	Corfu	32	90	s	Majorca	31	88	f
Akrotiri	30	86	f	Dublin	17	63	c	Malaga	25	77	c
Alex'dria	29	84	c	Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Malta	37	99	s
Algiers	33	91	s	Faro	29	84	s	Melb'rne	12	54	s
Amst'dm	18	64	f	Florence	31	88	s	*Mexico C*	21	70	f
Athens	32	90	s	Frankfurt	18	64	c	Miami	32	90	f
Bahrain	38	100	s	Funchal	23	73	s	Milan	30	86	s
Bangkok	31	88	c	Geneva	21	70	s	Montreal	25	77	f
Barbados	29	84	c	Gibraltar	24	75	s	Moscow	13	55	c
Barcelona	28	82	s	Helsinki	15	59	f	Munich	17	63	f
Beirut	29	84	f	Hong K	31	88	f	Nairobi	22	72	s
Belgrade	26	79	c	Innsbruck	21	70	f	Naples	31	88	f
Berlin	13	55	f	Istanbul	28	84	s	N Delhi	33	91	f
Bermuda	29	84	f	Jeddah	39	102	s	N York	26	79	f
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Chicago	27	81	f	Luxemburg	16	61	f	Rhodes	30	86	s
Cologne	19	66	f	Luxor	39	102	s	Rio de J	19	66	f
C'phagn	14	57	r	Madrid	34	93	s	Riyadh	45	113	s
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								Sydney	11	52	f
								Tangier	29	84	s
								Tel Aviv	30	88	f
								Tenerife	27	81	s
								Tokyo	31	88	s
								Toronto	24	75	f
								Tunis	36	97	s
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Avonmouth	5.26	11.8	5.54	12.5	Margate	10.28	4.5	11.1	4.6
Belfast	9.25	3.2	9.44	3.5	Milford Haven	4.33	6.1	4.55	6.5
Cardiff	5.11	11.00	5.39	11.63	Newquay	3.23	5.2	3.46	5.7
Devonport	4.01	4.8	4.19	5.2	Oban	4.37	3.4	4.45	3.8
Dover	9.39	6.1	10.13	6.3	Penzance	3.04	4.6	3.21	5.3
Falmouth	3.31	4.6	3.49	5.0	Portland	5.11	1.7	5.32	2.0
Glasgow	11.30	4.4	11.50	4.7	Portsmouth	9.48	4.5	10.3	4.6
Harwich	10.3	3.6	10.31	3.9	Shoreham	9.49	5.8	10.8	5.9
Holyhead	8.52	5.1	9.6	5.5	Southampton	9.15	4.2	9.37	4.3
Hull	4.29	6.88	5.11	6.88	Swansea	4.31	8.5	4.58	9.0
Ilfracombe	4.15	8.22	4.41	8.77	Tees	1.50	4.9	2.27	5.0
King's Lynn	4.25	6.1	5.20	6.1	W'ton-on-Naze	9.56	3.9	10.27	4.0
Leith	12.31	5.1	1.18	5.2					

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Sun rises: 5.52 am — Sun sets: 8.16 pm

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London 8.16 pm to 5.52 am
Bristol 8.25 pm to 6.02 am
Edinburgh 8.41 pm to 5.51 am
Manchester 8.29 pm to 5.55 am
Penzance 8.34 pm to 6.17 am

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Mike Wilson, left, Sir Mark Weinberg and Lord Rothschild, the top team at J Rothschild Assurance, which was fined £100,000 and reprimanded

Top aide quits Euro Disney

By Jon Ashworth

MICHAEL Montgomery, the prime mover behind Euro Disney's controversial refinancing package, has abruptly resigned.

He quit as chief financial officer as Euro Disney said it had completed the final stage of its restructuring plan. Yesterday, it paid the Fr5.8 billion proceeds from its recent rights issue to its banking syndicate.

Mr Montgomery hands over to Xavier de Mezerac, who joined Euro Disney last year as vice-president controller, financial planning and analysis. The unexpected move caused Euro Disney's shares to ease 4p to 126p.

Mr Montgomery played a key part in negotiating the Fr13 billion refinancing recently agreed with a consortium of banks.

He has resigned with no firm job to go to, but is likely to be actively courted by a range of companies.

Philippe Bourguignon, Euro Disney chairman, said Mr Montgomery had made an outstanding contribution towards putting the theme park operator on a firm financial footing.

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Lautro fines new Rothschild life firm

By Robert Miller

JROTHSCHILD Assurance (JRA), the life company founded in 1991 by Lord (Jacob) Rothschild, Sir Mark Weinberg and other leading City names, was yesterday fined £100,000, with £40,000 costs, and publicly reprimanded by Lautro, the regulator, for breaking its rules. The misconduct occurred in 1992, JRA's first year of operation.

Allegations of churning — where investors are advised to cash in existing policies and buy new ones from a salesman — were first made by Allied Dunbar, the investment house also founded by Sir Mark Weinberg. It lost 204 of its salesmen to JRA and claimed that up to £27 million had been paid out in surrender values to customers of JRA.

Lautro said that JRA, which has 100,000 policyholders and £750 million under management, had failed to monitor its sales force properly and had not kept adequate records on the advice given to clients and the reasons why that advice was given.

Mike Abrahams, chief enforcement officer at Lautro, added: "In a number of instances, identified in the course of sampling 200 or so files by our enforcement staff, there was unsuitable advice given and inadequate justification for replacement sales." Mr Abrahams commented: "There was clear evidence that some customers had bought JRA policies at the same time as cancelling similar policies with other insurers. There was no satisfactory explanation in the customer fact finds as to why this was a good deal for investors."

■ The fine on J Rothschild Assurance brings the total of fines levied by Lautro, the industry watchdog, since 1992 to £3 million. They have been levied on 24 life companies

Mike Wilson, the chief executive of JRA and a colleague of Sir Mark's at Allied Dunbar, said that he was "naturally very disappointed" at the Lautro censure.

He added: "I'm not condoning replacement business but it is not a simple case of black and white and there are some instances where it can be in the interests of consumers."

The shortcomings in JRA's compliance procedures were spotted during one of Lautro's periodic inspection visits which all life companies receive. Lautro is now conducting a second round of inspections, although JRA has yet to receive its second visit.

A spokesman for Allied Dunbar said: "With most instances of replacement business we approach the company's compliance department and in nine out of ten cases it is sorted out. With JRA we got no response so we had no choice but to go to Lautro. We were losing hundreds of clients and up to £27 million in surrender values. Some of the cheques went straight to JRA."

Mr Wilson commented: "The majority of that business would have been single premium investment bond business. JRA has no initial charges and investors are getting three fund managers rather than one. In each case investors would have had to complete a questionnaire on suitability."

Sir Mark Weinberg, chairman of JRA and a former deputy chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City regulator, said: "We draw little comfort from the fact that we are one of a significant number of life offices that have fallen foul of Lautro. Nevertheless, I think the number of these actions illustrates that the system of self-regulation set up under the Financial Services Act has teeth." Since 1992, Lautro has fined 24 life companies a total of £3 million.

Roy Nicolson, managing director of Scottish Amicable, one of JRA's backers, said: "Both as a shareholder and a director of JRA I am disappointed that this has happened."

It is understood that in the past few weeks Hill Samuel has contacted Lautro with similar complaints to those of Allied Dunbar concerning JRA and replacement business. Hill Samuel declined to comment.

Weak lending figures ease pressure for rate increase

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

EDDIE George, the Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday faced more evidence arguing against a near-term rise in interest rates, including weak borrowing by consumers and companies and a struggling housing market, which is damaging high street spending.

The latest batch of figures suggests not only that tax increases may be having an impact on consumer confidence, but also that talk of higher interest rates has already damaged demand in the housing market.

Retail sales rose by 0.4 per cent in July and were 3.8 per cent up on a year ago. But, without food sales, which have been strong for months and were apparently boosted by last month's hot weather, sales would have been down by 0.2 per cent, despite ferocious discounting by retailers.

Areas of spending that depend on activity in the housing market were markedly weak, with sales of household goods down 0.7 per cent and clothing and footwear up only 0.2 per cent, despite the deepest discounts for any July since 1914.

The housing market appears to be a culprit. Figures from the Building Societies Association (BSA) showed that net new mortgage commitments, a good guide to future housing market activity, fell to £3.2 billion, from £3.6 billion in June. Gross lending increased only slightly, to £3.3 billion, from £3.2 billion in June.

Another possible sign of consumer caution was a net £286 million inflow into building society accounts, more than reversing the £104 million outflow in June.

Adrian Coles, the BSA's director-general, said: "The figures show that the market remained fairly cautious in July. While the figures are moving in the right direction, it is too early to claim that a sustained recovery is under way."

Another strong argument against an increase in interest rates comes from one of the Bank of England's most closely watched monetary indicators — M4 money supply. Annual M4 growth fell to 4.8 per cent in July, from 5.6 per cent in June.

An even more telling figure is annualised growth in the past three months, which has dropped to only 2.6 per cent, below the Government's 3 to 9 per cent monitoring range.

Bank and building society lending, an important component of M4, points to weakness in credit demand from both households and companies. The British Bankers' Association reported that total sterling lending by the major banks rose by £1.4 billion in July, after a rise of £982 million in June.

However, the components of this lending were discouraging; the bulk went to financial companies such as securities houses, borrowing by which tends to be only temporary. More permanent borrowing to finance investment, for example, is not taking off. Manufacturers, which had been net borrowers in June — prompting hopes that they might finally have ventured into making investment decisions — more than paid back these borrowings in July. Growth in bank mortgage lending and consumer credit were both weaker in July. Mortgage lending rose by £593 million, compared with £652 million in June, while consumer credit rose by only £51 million, compared with June's increase of £205 million.

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Hard-hit names leave Lloyd's £1.2bn short



Middleton: risk worries

By Neil Bennett

LLOYD'S of London, the troubled insurance market, is facing a £1.2 billion shortfall in the funds it is seeking next year because names are increasingly shunning the market after financial hardships they have suffered.

Lloyd's market board yesterday estimated that names would provide maximum financial backing of only £10.3 billion, £600 million less than the market's capacity this year. This is far short of the £11.5 billion that the managing agents, which run the market's underwriting syndicates, hope to attract.

The billions of pounds of losses suffered by names in the past three years have reduced their ability to back the market, and a fall in capacity had been widely predicted. "The strain of funding losses makes it inevitable that capacity provided by individual members will reduce," the board says. Some Lloyd's insiders say that the board's forecasts are too optimistic and that capacity could fall by up to £5 billion next year.

The board, established last year to oversee the market as part of Lloyd's reforms, also disclosed that the market's underwriters have been extremely wary of taking on risks in the current year. Only three-quarters of the market's insurance capacity is being used, down from 90 per cent in 1993. This is in spite of a rise in premiums and a good outlook for the market's profitability. This low level of activity suggests that the market, of which Peter Middleton is chief executive, will not be overstretched if capacity does fall in 1995.

This review of future capacity is one of the reforms set in place to regulate Lloyd's. In the past, too much capacity has been concentrated in certain areas, which has encouraged underwriters to take on unprofitable business. The board now expects managing agents to scale down their financial forecasts to match the capacity that the members' agents, which look after the names, are prepared to provide.

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BAT cited in anti-tobacco group action in America

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

BAT Industries, the British group that owns America's third-largest tobacco group, has, for the first time, been cited in a damages suit filed in the United States that alleges tobacco groups have been "peddling an addicitive, killer product to the American public".

Hubert Humphrey, the attorney-general of Minnesota, and Minnesota's largest health insurer said yesterday that they were suing America's largest tobacco companies and their trade organisations.

They named as respondents Philip Morris, RJ Reynolds, Brown & Williamson Tobacco, BAT Industries, Lorillard Tobacco, The American Tobacco Co, Liggett Group, the Council for Tobacco Research-USA, and The Tobacco Institute.

The suit has been joined by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, which serve more than 1.9 million people. *It marks the first time a private insurance company has sued the tobacco industry for issues related to smoking.*

The suit, filed in the state court in St Paul, alleges that the tobacco industry "conspired to promote products it knew were harmful, while suppressing research that could have led to the development of safer products".

The action by Minnesota follows an announcement in June that Mississippi and Florida plan to take American cigarette manufacturers to court in an attempt to recoup costs incurred in treating smoking-related diseases.

A study by Minnesota's department of public health said that the state's healthcare costs attributable to smoking were more than $350 million annually.

BAT, which owns Brown & Williamson and is planning to buy American Tobacco, said that Minnesota's action was not unexpected, although for the first time, BAT, as the parent company, had been named in an action.

BAT added: "We think the attorney-general is outside his jurisdiction, and that he is just jumping on the bandwagon."

Blue Cross and Blue Shield are obliged under state law to advance public health and, as such, have been able to join the state's suit.

Mr Humphrey said: "While the tobacco companies built up huge profits, taxpayers in Minnesota and other states got nailed for the tremendous healthcare costs of patients suffering from smoking-related illnesses."

He added: "It is time to make the tobacco profiteers pay for the devastation they have caused."

A spokesman for RJ Reynolds said: "There are really no new allegations here ... most of these arguments have been heard and rejected by juries consistently over the last 40 years."

On May 23, Mississippi filed suit against the tobacco industry, citing 13 companies. Several days later, Florida also served papers. On June 7, the state of Virginia said that it planned to sue to recoup healthcare costs.

BAT's shares eased 5p to 425p yesterday.

CARL RUTHERFORD



Barry Stickens heads BASF's UK arm, which lifted sales, though margins remained tight

Advance by BASF disappoints market

BY OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

BASF, the first of the big three German chemicals groups to report its half-year results, said pre-tax profit had risen more than 41 per cent, to DM 683 million, which slightly disappointed the market.

Group net profit leapt 113.6 per cent, to DM 425 million, owing to a cut in corporation tax and a fall in losses not qualifying for tax deductions. But analysts were sceptical about the profit figure and suspected that the company was accelerating reserve formation to mask surging operating profits.

BASF said second-quarter pre-tax profit was DM 245 million, up 36.3 per cent on the same quarter last year, but down from the DM 334 million achieved in the first quarter. The company said it expected only a slight summer weakening in business this year, owing to improved economic conditions. Orders were "significantly better" than last year.

First-half sales were 6.5 per cent higher, at DM 21.7 billion, with significant growth in all sectors. Growth, however, was primarily due to higher sales volumes; in many segments, it had been impossible to raise prices above the unsatisfactory levels of 1993.

The group's UK operations, run by Barry Stickens, experienced recovery ahead of the German chemicals industry, and increased turnover by £36 million to £355 million during the half. Profit margins remained under pressure.

US moves closer to ratifying Gatt deal

AMERICA moved an important step closer to ratification of the world trade pact with agreement yesterday by a key Congressional committee to proceed with implementing legislation. This opens the way for Congress to vote on ratification as early as next month. The Uruguay Round agreement on liberalising trade and creating a World Trade Organisation to succeed the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was signed in April. But it still requires ratification by the main trading nations, if the pact is to come into force next January. Britain has passed its domestic ratification, but so far only about 20 of the 111 signatories have completed ratification.

Aware that US ratification is crucial, the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives ironed out most of their differences at a session with Lloyd Bentsen, the Treasury Secretary, and Mickey Kantor, the US Trade Representative. Under the deal worked out in the committee, President Clinton would be allowed to extend the fast-track authority he was given to agree the trade accord as a whole, without fear that Congress would try to unravel it.

Sunday opening move

HOUSE of Fraser, the department store group that floated this year, plans to open three of its stores on Sundays from August 28. The decision follows the Sunday Trading Act, legalising business on Sundays between certain hours, and is in response to public demand, the company said. The three stores are in out-of-town shopping centres. The group's 53 town centre stores will also open on Sundays in the run-up to Christmas. There are no immediate plans to open those stores every Sunday, but the question will be reviewed.

Whirlpool washes green

WHIRLPOOL Corporation, the US white goods manufacturer, is completing design work on a washer whose drum spins on a horizontal axis, and will begin making and selling the product for home use in 1996 — three years before the predicted effective date for the yet to be established US department of energy standards. Vince Anderson, Whirlpool's North American director of environmental programmes, said: "It's well known that horizontal-axis washers use about one-third of the water and energy of conventional US washers."

Rail order for GEC unit

GEC Alsthom said it is heading a consortium that has won a $319 million order to deliver 32 trains to the Taiwan Railway Administration. The other partners are Hyundai of South Korea and Union Carriage & Wagon of South Africa. A spokesman for GEC Alsthom, a 50/50 joint venture between Alcatel Alsthom and GEC, said the company had a large part of the contract. The order includes the supply of 64 power cars, 336 passenger coaches and the associated traction equipment.

Chairman ousted

THE directors of Bristol Scotts, a greyhound racing and restaurant group, ousted Anthony Kerman as chairman. The revolt occurred after yesterday's annual meeting, at which shareholders approved the existing board. A majority of the directors voted to remove Mr Kerman from the chair and asked him to resign. Sir Iain Rankin was appointed to take his place. Mr Kerman, whose family owns a significant stake in the company, remains a director. The shares rose 10p, to 140p, on news of the coup.

Simon sells data ship

TROUBLED Simon Engineering completed the sale of its seismic data ship, *Simon Labrador*. It has transferred the ship, which it operated under a lease from the Royal Bank of Scotland, to Horizon Exploration. Horizon is taking on all financial and operational liabilities connected with the ship, apart from some lease payments, but there will be an exceptional charge of £4.9 million in Simon's results. Maurice Dixson, Simon's chief executive, said Simon's withdrawal from seismic data acquisition was complete.

Coca-Cola hits high

COCA-COLA hit an all-time high on the New York Stock Exchange, after it emerged that Warren Buffett, the billionaire investor, had paid $201 million for another 4.9 million Coke shares. On Wednesday, the shares reached $46.50, adjusted for splits, before closing at $46.12½. Mr Buffett, who sits on Coca-Cola's board, now owns 7.75 per cent of the company and is its largest shareholder. Coca-Cola Enterprises, the company's largest bottler, said it would repurchase up to 10 million of its ordinary shares.

Guinness Peat bids

GUINNESS Peat Group (GPG), the investment vehicle of Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand businessman, yesterday announced its intention to acquire the remaining shares of Dunbar Sloane & European Art not already owned. Dunbar Sloane, which invests and trades in domestic and European art, is listed on the New Zealand stock exchange. GPG owns 31.17 per cent of Dunbar Sloane's shares and the offer for the remainder is one 5p ordinary share for each NZ$1 share of Dunbar Sloane. The value of the bid is £3.25 million.

Mobile phones help Ericsson to rise 78%

ERICSSON, the Swedish telecommunications equipment group, lifted first-half pre-tax profit by 78 per cent, to 2.29 billion kronor (£189 million), on strong demand in radio communications and mobile telephony (Colin Narbrough writes).

A sharp increase in sales in the second quarter, the eleventh successive quarter of rising demand, took first-half orders to Skr40.3 billion, up 19 per cent. Net profit rose to Skr1.47 billion, from Skr581 million. Big contracts, mainly from China, Sweden, America and Italy, were the main force behind the rise in sales.

Radio communications equipment, now half of Ericsson's order bookings, saw a big rise in orders and net sales, which were more than 60 per cent up in the first half.

Ericsson said it expected results "significantly better" than last year, when it made Skr3.11 billion pre-tax profit.

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Enquiry hits at rail ticket sales

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A NATIONWIDE review of arrangements for selling tickets under a privatised rail regime has been launched by the rail regulator, after serious shortcomings emerged in an investigation of train ticket sales at Gatwick Airport.

The Office of Rail Franchising called for the review after concluding that arrangements at Gatwick, where three British Rail subsidiaries compete for passengers to central London, were "untenable".

Staff of Gatwick Express, who also sell tickets on behalf of cheaper rival operators, have found it "difficult to honour" their obligation to inform travellers impartially about the alternatives, Opraf said. The choice of train operator and route can cause wide variations in the fare to some destinations.

In a letter leaked to Glenda Jackson, the Labour MP, Opraf said a new system of selling tickets needs to be in place by next March when bidders are invited for the Gatwick franchise. BAA, the airport operator, has held discussions with Railtrack, the state-infrastructure company, about a possible takeover of the station. BAA wants to invest £3 million in upgrading the Gatwick station and providing better, and impartial, ticket sales to travellers.

If that goes ahead, Jonathan Swift, the rail regulator, may conclude that independent sales agents should handle ticket sales for all routes where there is competition.

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Bundesbank holds steady on key rates

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE Bundesbank's policy-making council decided yesterday at its first meeting since the summer break to leave its key interest rates unchanged, in spite of a slowdown in money supply growth.

With the German government already declaring the country's recession over, but hoping for faster growth to improve its re-election chances this autumn, the central bank clearly opted for caution.

Many economists had expected the Bundesbank to cut rates yesterday, or at least to signal that the monetary reins were being eased. But the bank said it was keeping its repurchase, or repo, funds rate unchanged at a fixed 4.85 per cent for the next two weeks.

After the raising of American interest rates by half a point to 4 per cent on Tuesday and last week's rate increases in Sweden, Italy and Portugal, some market analysts took the view that the Bundesbank's scope for further easing was at an end.

But Bundesbank watchers in Frankfurt were still holding out hope yesterday that German rates would still come down and that the bank had only postponed the next rate cut.

July money supply figures, issued yesterday, showed that growth in the targeted M3 measure, which has been way above target since German reunification, slowed unexpectedly. German consumer price inflation is also under 3 per cent again.

The provisional figures, showed M3 slowing to an annualised 9.9 per cent last month, from 11.4 per cent in June.

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Any persons having in their possession any of the effects of the Bankrupt must deliver them to me and all of the debts due to the Bankrupt must be paid to me.
Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs to me.
Dated this 16th day of August 1994. R.W.J.LONG TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY.

The Insolvency Act 1986
L. & K.B. LIBERT LIMITED (In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eric William Shepherd, FCA, of Poppleton & Appleyard, 6 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 16th August 1994. E.W.SHEPPARD, Liquidator.

ANAT KAMENKA-JOHNSTON ERS KAMEN-KA
Would the above named or anyone knowing the whereabouts of the above named please contact Rod Thomlie & Associates Pty Ltd, PO Box 536, FYSHWICK ACT 2609 AUSTRALIA.

Chas Fred (Golders Green) Limited
ON ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 (2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, on 2nd September 1994 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 48 and 49 of the said Act.
A person is only entitled to vote at this meeting if:
(a) details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the Company have been given to us, not later than 12.00 noon on the business day next before the meeting, and*
(b) there has been lodged with us a proxy which is intended to be used at the Meeting.
If you wish to participate in the meeting of creditors, would you please forward details of your claim against the company, and any proxy which you wish to be used on your behalf, to the offices of Latham, Crowley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.
DATED THIS 16TH AUGUST 1994
Peter S Dann FCA Administrative Receiver.

IN THE MATTER OF INSOLVENCY ENTITA THAT'S NICE AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 to the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 9 August 1994, I, Melvyn Julian Carter of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, 1 Little New Street, London, EC4A 3TR was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter Dated this 9th day of August 1994.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Polytechnic Association for Continuing Education ("PACE")
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference TRB-289413A/1-CD(Ldn2). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

SECTION 293 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
STAR RUSH LIMITED (FORMERLY BRENNVAL PENNY LIMITED) IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE that I, Michael William Young of Morton Thomson & Co, Terrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HD, was appointed Liquidator of Star Rush Limited on 23rd June 1994 by an order of the Secretary of State dated 13th June 1994.
DATED this 12th day of August 1994 M W YOUNG - LIQUIDATOR.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES
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071-782 7101/7993 or FAX: 071-782 7827
Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

☐ Labour threat to board excess is serious ☐ House market could stay dull for years ☐ Cut in insurance capacity welcome

For company car, read option

☐ GORDON Brown's contribution to the great debate on executive remuneration, and more specifically executive share options, is not quite as loopy as it appears at first sight. If his proposals, at the moment merely food for debate in the political dog days of August, surmount the twin hurdles of acceptance as Labour Party policy and the election of a Labour government, they would certainly kick the props away from some of the munificent option packages now making the news.

On the face of it, Mr Brown is claiming that the wicked beneficiaries of executive share options are costing the Exchequer £200 million a year — or enough to fund the latest VAT-fired fuel bill increase for every pensioner in the country, and have those self-same dancing in the streets.

So far, so much sound-bite; but his eye-catching figures are claimed to be based on sound methodology and even sounder Inland Revenue statistics. The Revenue places a £12.6 billion value on all the share options granted up to May 1993, which probably scales up to close to £15 billion with the inclusion of subsequent grants.

The Inland Revenue says the normal tax allowance of £5,800 per person a year on capital gains, awarded to pensioner and plutocrat alike, adds up to £60 million a year in tax "lost". Allow for gifts to spouses, who enjoy the same allowance, and other tax benefits and Mr Brown reaches his £200 million figure. As share options are plainly unearned executive income, this avoidance is a subsidy, a "loop-hole" to be closed.

The shadow Chancellor goes further. He says share options, when they are exercised and convert into shares, should be treated as benefits in kind, like cars and be assessed for income tax at the normal rate of 40 per cent for top tax payers, the amount payable being based on the paper profit —the difference between what the executive "pays" and what his shares are then worth in the market.

This is pretty stiff, in that no true profit accrues before shares are sold and any fall in the share price meanwhile would wipe out potential profit on which the tax has already been paid. Mr Brown's office retorts, not unreasonably, that the executive can always sit on the options until he wishes to exercise them and then sell to take profit, paying capital gains tax on it in the normal way. This could have the effect of locking in the management, but at the expense of the incentive element of discretionary option schemes. It would also set them apart from other forms of gain on the stock market, or any other market, as uniquely singled out for the attentions of the tax man.

Mr Brown's comments can best be described as, ahem, challenging. But they certainly enliven the debate and should perhaps be kept in mind by remuneration committees drawing up share option schemes as the possible end result of too much greed today.

Interest rates strike in Acacia Avenue



☐ DULL, dull, dull. Outside the worst recession-hit areas of the South East, the British housing market is still, it seems, failing to leap into life as perennially expected. The reason, surely, is that this market is extremely interest-rate sensitive. And whatever Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George may decide from one month to the next, homebuyers reckon rates are going up.

For many potential purchasers, this has already happened. Since the low-point around the turn of the year, the cheapest fixed five-year rates have risen from about 7 to 8.4 per cent, while three-year fixed rates have risen from 6 to 8 per cent. Variable rates, at about 7.75 per cent, scarcely look cheap against base rates of 5.25 per cent. Borrowers who have had their fingers burnt before are unlikely to be fooled by one-year discounts if the Bank of England is telling them base rates must go up. In the context of a mortgage, putting that off for a few months scarcely matters.

Had the yield on medium-term gilt-edged stocks remained at its low-point of about 6.25 per cent, the housing market would surely be looking a lot brighter. This is the dilemma for policy. Gilt-edged yields may reflect future inflation expectations, as the Bank of England has posited, or the demand for funds implied by the Budget deficit. Either way, they are too high for comfort. A cut from more than 8.5 per cent to the 7.3 per cent obtainable when inflation was last this low would certainly help. But how to achieve it?

A commitment by the Government to eliminate the Budget deficit before cutting taxes should help, but seems politically unrealistic. In the British context, an early uptrend in base rates would surely not follow the benign American model, and is likely to hit demand more than it cuts long-term interest rates. The Bank of England's drive to raise base rates rests on the all-too-plausible assumption that the economy cannot sustain growth above 2 per cent without inflation, mainly because industry is not investing enough and too many people are unemployed or under-employed. If that drives policy, the housing market may languish for a whole cycle.

Wise caution at Lloyd's

☐ PSYCHOLOGY plays a big role in world insurance markets. A likely 10 per cent cut in the total capacity available at Lloyd's of London could, therefore, send a powerful message of caution to many fair-weather insurers thinking of chancing their arm, on the assumption that the cycle is working to their advantage. If the capacity cut turns out to be significantly greater than the "official" forecast, that message would become deafening.

The reality promises to be somewhat different. Underwriters are currently using only three-quarters of the available capacity, so Lloyd's would actually have plenty of scope to take on more business, even allowing for the capacity of individual syndicates not necessarily matching the opportunities available. After all, even the Lloyd's market board is still reserving the right to curb expansion in some areas.

Lloyd's is certainly a special case. The forecast capacity shortfall stems mainly from the loss of capital suffered by names. And that shortfall is hardly likely to be made up from bright newcomers from across the Atlantic while the market's good name is again being dragged before, if not through, American courts. Yet caution also makes sense.

After one good year, underwriting prospects are already looking distinctly average. As the market board notes, the excess of premium rates rising over those falling back is shrinking fast. At this rate, new international money coming into unbranded insurance, whether serious, funny or even laundered, is not likely to earn high returns.

Smart Swedes

☐ AN in-depth study at Volvo finds that its planned merger with Renault failed for fear that it might prove a French takeover. Amazing. European joint ventures nearly always come under French management control — not a bad thing in some sectors — and in this case, the French government started with majority control and a golden share. Still, as the Norwegians say, the Swedes get there in the end.

VW drives back to profit for first time in two years

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's biggest carmaker, was back in the black in the second quarter this year, with its first profit for two years, and it expects to break even for the full year.

In the second quarter, the group had net profit of DM133 million, which was much better than the market had forecast. The figure showed how fast the German group is recovering from its run of huge losses. In the first quarter, VW lost DM342 million. Last year, the group's net loss was a record DM1.94 billion.

The company has been dogged for a year by allegations of industrial espionage against a group of executives recruited from General Motors, America's biggest automotive group, to help to cut VW's costs. The allegations are being investigated by American and German justice officials.

VW attributed its financial improvement to increased demand in key markets and to severe cost-cutting and rationalisation, which included introducing a four-day week at its German plants. The interim report said that VW had reached "turnaround point" for profits. The second-quarter profit cut first-half group loss to DM209 million. In the first quarter last year, the loss was DM1.6 billion.

The German parent company showed strong recovery, with profit of DM66 million in the first half, against a DM946 million loss in the first half last year. However, the group remains burdened by big losses at Seat, its Spanish subsidiary.

Group sales, benefitting from economic recovery in important markets, rose in the first half by 6.4 per cent, to DM40.9 billion. In spite of an overall 7.8 per cent rise in deliveries in the first half, VW said that some markets, such as Mexico, the Czech Republic and Slovakia showed declines.

The cost-cutting and streamlining regime of Ferdinand Piëch, VW's management board chairman, and the controversial Spanish purchasing and production chief, José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, produced a marked increase in productivity.

Production rose by 3.9 per cent, to 1,559,953 vehicles, in the first half, while the group reduced its workforce by 4.1 per cent to 241,330, with the biggest cuts outside Germany.

In spite of VW's coyness about the full-year result, Frankfurt analysts revised their forecasts upwards after the second-quarter figures. Full-year group net profit is now seen reaching up to DM350 million.

Analysts drew attention to the gross profit of DM2 billion in the second quarter, which was about DM650 million better than the same quarter last year.

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Wayne Channon, front, and Dick Haynes, finance director, are confident about prospects

MEPC seeks to redevelop near St Paul's

By Carl Mortished

MEPC, the property company, is seeking planning permission to redevelop Peters Hill, a sensitive two-acre site opposite St Paul's Cathedral in the City of London.

The group's plans, which involve the £35 million speculative development of two office buildings on a site opposite the conservation area on the Peters Hill steps, mark a change of heart by MEPC and the start of a build-up in confidence among developers in the Square Mile.

The developer hopes to get permission for its 290,700 sq ft project by the end of the year and is prepared to launch the scheme without a tenant in place.

Julian Barwick, director of MEPC UK, reckons there will be demand for modern office space: He said: "There is no reason why, if circumstances are appropriate, that we proceed on a speculative basis."

MEPC's plans involve the demolition of the drab 1960s concrete blocks once occupied by Coopers & Lybrand and fronting the Peters Hill steps and St Paul's Churchyard. These will be replaced with two brick and stone buildings with pitched roofs and cornices designed by Rolfe Judd, architects.

Mr Barwick said the scheme would provide benefits including an improvement of the view of St Paul's from Queen Victoria Street, as well as a better frontage on St Paul's Chruchyard. "Our development will front on to the street rather than the existing blank slab of concrete."

The move by MEPC indicates a major turnround from the company's statement earlier in the year that it would not undertake major speculative development.

MEPC acquired the site in 1985 and the Peters Hill project has been on the shelf since 1990 when recession and collapsing rents and values blighted developments, including Alban Gate, MEPC's own large City scheme.

Today, the outlook is different, with few large office buildings vacant and little in the development pipeline. The race is now on for developers with good sites and access to the necessary capital to bring their schemes to the market ahead of the pack.

Jones Lang Wootton, the surveyors, report that vacancy rates in London for new space have fallen to 2.8 per cent at the end of June. Kevin Clarke, a partner, points to shortages of office space in the City and West End: He says: "Although new development is beginning to get under way, there is still only 725,000 sq ft under construction in the West End and 200,000 sq ft in the City."

North Sea safety jobs under threat

UP TO 350 jobs in the North Sea oil industry are under threat after CAM Shipping, an oil rig safety vessel operator, was placed in administration yesterday (Neil Bennett writes).

The company was part of Tripcovich, the Italian group that was declared insolvent last month. CAM could not continue trading without the financial support of its parent. Arthur Andersen, the accountancy firm, has been appointed as CAM's administrator.

CAM runs nine ships on operational duty in the North Sea out of a total fleet of 19. It also has an administration centre in Montrose with 40 staff. Andersen said that it plans to continue running CAM's opeations as before and hopes to sell the business as a going concern. The administrators are negotiating with the ship owners and CAM's suppliers to ensure it can continue operating.

Breakthrough for T&N over asbestos

By Colin Campbell

T&N, the automotive components and engineering group that inherited from Turner and Newall asbestos claims arising from mining activities, secured what analysts said was a "financial and legal breakthrough" when a US judge ruled that T&N's liability was effectively capped.

The effect of the judgment is that T&N's annual provisions for claims and litigation costs relating to asbestos will peak this year.

In 1993, T&N made a £21.2 million provision to cover asbestos-related issues, of which 80 per cent was associated with legal fees. The increase from £16.6 million in 1992 was made in the wake of a flood of new compensation claims in America.

In the past decade, T&N has spent more than £130 million on legal costs and settlements. In an effort to reduce legal costs, it joined 20 other companies in a class action. The judge ruled yesterday that a class action settlement was fair.

T&N's provision may rise to between £23 million and £24 million this year, but should fall thereafter.

City analysts said T&N's earnings would benefit progressively, and that a large measure of uncertainty that had hung over the shares had been removed. Colin Hope, T&N's chairman and chief executive, expects litigation costs to be reduced over ten years.

The effect of the ruling will be to restrict T&N's future liability. Brokers pointed out, however, that property-related asbestos litigation continued. A recent claim by Prudential Insurance of America went in T&N's favour. A case brought by Chase Manhattan over asbestos contamination of its New York headquarters, and in which the US bank seeks damages of $185 million, continues. TIs1&N has denied liabilty.

Persona logs up 22% advance

By Neil Bennett

PERSONA Group, the computer services company, increased pre-tax profits by 22 per cent in the first half of the year to £1.01 million on the back of a 34 per cent rise in turnover to £15 million.

The performance was sufficiently strong for the company to announce a maiden interim dividend of 0.68p per share. Persona said that its networking products distribution subsidiary was trading strongly and had signed up three new suppliers as well as 500 more retailers, to bring the total to more than 1,800.

Faculty Limited, the company's training and services arm, has outperformed Persona's own forecasts and is planning to open an operation in the north of England in the coming months.

Wayne Channon, the chairman of the group, said that he was confident about trading prospects for the rest of the year.

HunterPrint sends profit warning as it nears overdraft limit

By Susan Gilchrist

HUNTERPRINT, the troubled specialist printing group, yesterday issued a profits warning and admitted it was close to the limit on its banking facilities.

In a bleak statement, the company said the results for the year to September 25 "are likely to be very poor" following unexpected cost overruns at its recently expanded Corby plant. It also said its banking facilities, which are repayable on demand, are "currently fully utilised".

In a bid to ease the financial pressure, HunterPrint is selling Hardy Printers to a management buyout team for £1.85 million. The subsidiary, which is a leading supplier of business forms, was one of the first companies bought by HunterPrint in 1987 after its flotation. The deal will reduce the group's debts, which currently stand at £19.4 million, by about £1.7 million.

The company has an overdraft facility of about £15 million with Barclays Bank to fund its working capital requirements. Geoff Eades, finance director, said the company was close to its overdraft limit but believes it is unlikely to breach it. Barclays has only guaranteed the facility until next January.

Yesterday's announcement was another grim episode in a difficult year for HunterPrint.

In February, BDO Binder Hamlyn, its auditor, concerned about the level of borrowings, questioned whether the group could continue.

Analysts had been expecting a pre-tax loss of about £2 million this year, although it now looks as if the group will do little better than last year's £3.2 million loss. The bottom line will also be hit by additional provisions relating to the settlement of outstanding litigation.

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Shipbuilders ready to vie for £400m navy order



The Kvaerner Govan shipyard may team up again with VSEL

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

BRITAIN'S shipbuilders have been invited to bid for a £400 million contract to build two new assault ships for the Royal Navy. The award of the contract, due towards the end of next year, is expected to lead to further concentration of Britain's defence industry on a few prime contractors.

Swan Hunter, the Tyneside shipyard, went into receivership last year after failing to win a £160 million order for the first ship in the series, a helicopter carrier.

The front-runner for the assault ships order is VSEL, of Barrow-in-Furness, which last year teamed up with the Kvaerner Govan merchant yard on Clydeside to secure the helicopter carrier contract. Noel Davies, chief executive, said: "We are going to bid." Under an existing agreement, Kvaerner is likely to offer to build the hulls, which would be towed to Barrow for completion and fitting out.

The biggest challenge for the order is likely to come from the General Electric Company. GEC Marconi, the UK's second-biggest defence contractor after British Aerospace, reinforced its lead in naval electronic systems by buying the collapsed Ferranti business. However, GEC Marconi's Yarrow yard, on Clydeside, is too small to build the hulls itself.

GEC Marconi could team up with another yard, or seek to acquire additional capacity, such as the Swan facility. Administrative receivers to the Swan yard have been negotiating a possible sale to Soffia/CMN of France, but have yet to complete a deal.

The invitation to tender includes the chance to bid for just one ship, with an option price for a second. However, with only two or perhaps three tenders likely, the Ministry of Defence is expected to place both orders simultaneously to secure economies from series production.

Since the helicopter ship is due for completion in 1997, VSEL clearly hopes that the assault ships, replacing the venerable *HMS Intrepid* and *HMS Fearless*, will provide continuity of work until 2002. However, even if the yard succeeds in rebuilding its surface-ship order book, the workforce, already under 6,000, faces continued decline as work on Trident nuclear submarines runs out.

Since the assault ships will act as the command centre for any amphibious assault, as well as landing the tanks and artillery, they will have highly sophisticated electronic systems. A £35 million contract for developing and producing their internal and external communications systems has been placed with the Redifon SPT consortium, which includes British Aerospace, the MoD said.

THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY, p.l.c.

Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on Friday, 2nd September, 1994 for the preparation of the half-yearly dividend payable on the FIRST PREFERENCE SHARES for the six months ending 30th September, 1994. The dividend will be paid on 30th September, 1994.

For Transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar, Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, The Causeway, Worthing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA, not later than 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 2nd September, 1994.

Shell Centre, London, SE1 7NA
18th August, 1994

By Order of the Board
Miss J.E. Mansell
Secretary

Buyers run for cover after equities flirt with 3,200 level

THE equity market's assault on the 3,200 level had to be postponed for another day after the Bundesbank pegged German interest rates. An attempt to call prices higher before the announcement saw the FT-SE 100 index climb briefly above 3,200. But after the Germans had made their position clear, buyers ran for cover as Wall Street opened lower. The index ended the session 7.7 down at 3,182.6 as a total of 674 million shares were traded.

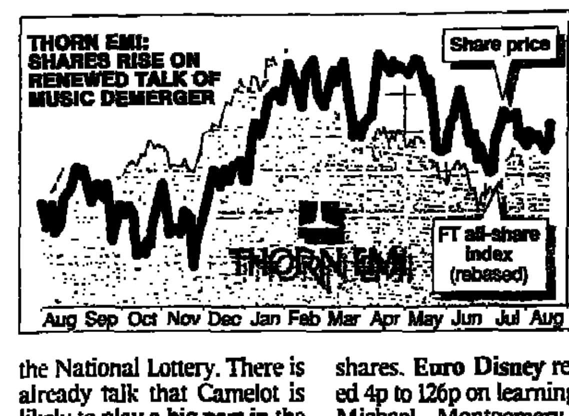
STOCK MARKET

Brokers continue to express satisfaction with the market's performance, describing the undertone as firm. The July retail sales figures were only slightly higher than most City forecasts and underlined the fact there is little need for a rise in interest rates yet. The money supply figures also offered no unpleasant surprises.

Thorn EMI climbed 22p to £10.57 before quarterly figures next Tuesday. The group also embarks on an American roadshow later this month. Speculators in London claim the roadshow could be the prelude to a demerger of its lucrative music business. Rumours about a demerger have been circulating for some time and would be favourably received by fund managers.

The electrical distributors continued to make headway. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, is telling clients there is still room for improvement in the shares on the back of the proposed sale of the National Grid. Earlier this week NatWest Securities upgraded its dividend forecast for the RECs. Double-digit gains were again commonplace, with **East Midland** 13p better at 713p, **London** 13p at 688p, **Northern** 17p to 759p, **South Wales** 10p to 755p, **South West** 14p to 741p, and **Yorkshire** 10p to 687p.

Racal Electronics stood out with a 10p rise to 246p as 2.3 million shares were traded amid vague talk of a bid. A more feasible reason is that brokers are continuing to take a closer look at Racal's stake in Camelot, which operates the National Lottery. There is already talk that Camelot is likely to play a big part in the group's long-term profits profile. **Vodafone**, which was floated off from Racal, was also a strong market, adding 11p to 206p with Kleinwort Benson, the broker, believed to be recommending the shares. **Euro Disney** retreated 4p to 126p on learning that Michael Montgomery had resigned as financial director after completion of the restructuring.



Cable and Wireless advanced another 12p to 460p, reflecting growing expectations among brokers about the prospects for expansion in China.

Kode International tumbled 37p to 38p after plunging into a first half loss of £520,000. The group blamed one-off charges relating to the re-organisation of DCM Services, its computer services business. The group is not paying a dividend.

Worries about poor trading conditions have resurfaced at **Azlan Group**, with the shares touching 169p before rallying to finish a net 10p down on the day at 178p. Despite the renewed weakness in the share price, there was no comment from the group.

United Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily Express*, continued to respond to this week's £27 million acquisition of Visual Communications with a rise of 15p to 533p. **The Telegraph** rose 20p to 381p amid reports that Conrad Black, the chairman, may be considering a buy-back programme for the shares. They fell sharply earlier this year after his decision to place part of his holding before becoming involved in the newspapers price war and cutting the cover price of *The Daily Telegraph*. But any decision on a buy-back will have to be shelved until after the interim figures expected next week. **News International**, publisher of *The Times*, also jumped 10p to 254p before figures next week.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts declined steadily throughout the day, reflecting the decision of the Bundesbank to peg interest rates. The September series of the long gilt future ended the session £11/16 lower at £100 19/32 on turnover of 75,000 contracts.

In the cash market, prices at the longer end bore the brunt of the falls, with benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 dropping £27/32 to £103 13/32, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent fell £11/32 to £103 7/16.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street shares continued to trade lower at midday, under pressure from a sell-off in the bond market and profit-taking. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 9.07 points to 3,767.41.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND
US $ ....1.5460 (+0.0075)
German mark ... 2.3901 (-0.0103)
Exchange index .... 78.7 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET
FT-SE 100 .... 3182.6 (-7.7)
Dow Jones ....3767.41 (-9.07)*
Nikkei Avg ....20862.77 (+38.21)

INTEREST RATES
London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank .. 5 17/32-5 15/32%
US Federal Funds 4⅝%*
3-month Treas Bills 4.55-4.53%*
Long Bond 7.46%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5449*	£:$	1.5453
$:DM	1.5465*	£:DM	2.3886
$:SWfr	1.2993*	£:SWfr	2.0083
$:Ffr	5.3090*	£:Ffr	8.2070
$:Yen	98.83*	£:Yen	152.68
£:SDR	1.0582	£:ECU	1.2517

London Forex market close

GOLD
London Fixing ($)
AM 377.85 .... PM 380.65
Close 380.10-380.60
New York:
Comex 376.85-377.35*

OIL
Brent Crude ..... $16.85 per bbl (Oct)

RETAIL PRICES
RPI .. 144.0 Jul (2.3%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.02
Austria Sch	17.81	16.31
Belgium Fr	52.41	48.01
Canada $	2.231	2.071
Cyprus Cyp£	0.786	0.716
Denmark Kr	10.10	9.30
Finland Mkk	8.54	7.84
France Fr	8.66	7.96
Germany Dm	2.54	2.33
Greece Dr	378.00	353.00
Hong Kong $	12.62	11.62
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2535.00	2380.00
Japan Yen	169.00	152.00
Malta	0.610	0.555
Netherlds Gld	2.834	2.604
Norway Kr	11.11	10.31
Portugal Esc	256.50	238.00
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.45
Spain Pta	207.50	193.50
Sweden Kr	12.75	11.95
Switzerland Fr	2.15	1.97
Turkey Lira	REFER	46587.0
USA $	1.639	1.556

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Waterglade meeting ends with walkout

By Carl Mortished

A SHAREHOLDERS' meeting of Waterglade International, called by a rebel investor group aiming to replace the existing board, broke up in confusion yesterday.

Investors were stunned when David Cunningham, the chairman, and fellow directors walked out after announcing that the rebels, led by Anthony Midgen, a property investor, had failed to follow the correct procedure to appoint directors.

Mr Cunningham, a former Stock Exchange official, announced to a packed room that the meeting could not proceed to deal with the business laid out in the circular because the rebel group had failed to comply in two material respects with article 98 of the articles of association.

According to the chairman, the company had not received notification in writing of the intention to propose the appointment of Anthony Midgen, Selwyn Midgen and Wilson Ng to the board.

After the announcement, shareholders watched the board leave the room. One said: "It was like the silence after a car accident."

The rebel shareholders met yesterday to plan their next move. Mr Midgen and his partners hold about 12 per cent of the shares and had been confident of winning a vote yesterday, claiming to have obtained proxies accounting for about 40 per cent.

Mr Cunningham said that the company intended to proceed with a share placing with institutions, including TR Property Investment Trust, to raise about £6million to £7 million, regardless of whether the rebels made another challenge.

He added: "If the shareholders decide to vote it down, they could crash the company."

Waterglade badly needs cash, but plans to raise £10 million in a rights issue were put on hold as the board came under siege.

Mr Anthony Midgen claims to have support for a £6 million cash injection. Backing may come from the Far East through Mr Ng.



Edina Ronay, left, and daughter Sheba flank a model

Dawson to sell Ronay label back to founder

By Susan Gilchrist

DAWSON International, the textiles group, is parting company with Edina Ronay, one of Britain's leading fashion designers, after a two-year association.

The group acquired Ms Ronay's fashion business in November 1992 after it ran into financial difficulties, but has decided to sell it back to its founder. Ms Ronay regains control of the label and its two retail outlets in London.

Nick Kuenssberg, Dawson's managing director, said the two sides decided to go their separate ways after it became clear that they had conflicting views on the direction of the business. "We wanted to develop the knitwear side and she wanted to concentrate on the couture side, which is not really our bag," he said. He described the parting as amicable.

Both parties refused to disclose the financial details of the transaction, but Mr Kuenssberg said the impact was immaterial to a group of Dawson's size. Like many designer labels, Edina Ronay struggled during recession and is still making losses.

WALL STREET

	Aug 18 midday	Aug 17 close
AMP Inc	72	73
AMR Corp	56	57
AT & T	52	53
Abbott Labs	30	31
Aetna Life	50	50
Ahmanson (HF)	21	22
Air Prod & Chem	48	47
Albertson's	27	26
Alcan Aluminum	24	24
Alco Standard	63	63
Allied Signal	35	35
Alum Co of Am	77	77
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	52	51
Amer Brands	34	34
Amer Cyanamid	96	96
Amer El Power	30	30
Amer Express	27	27
Amer Genl Corp	28	28
Amer Home Pr	58	59
Amer Intl	92	93
Amer Stores	24	24
Ameritech	42	42
Amoco	57	58
Anheuser-Busch	52	52
Apple Computer	35	35
Archer Daniels	24	24
Armco	6	5
Armstrng Wrld	47	47
Asarco	27	27
Ashland Oil	37	37
Atl Richfield	105	105
Auto Data Prp	53	54
Avery Dennison	33	33
Avon Products	59	58
Baker Hughes	18	18
Baltim Gas & El	22	22
Banc One	34	33
BankAmerica	47	47
Bank of NY	31	32
Bankers Tr NY	70	71
Barnett Banks	45	45
Bausch & Lomb	39	39
Baxter Intl	27	27
Becton Dicknsn	44	44
Bell Atlantic	55	56
BellSouth	61	61
Black & Decker	21	21
Block (H&R)	42	42
Boeing	45	46
Boise Cascade	26	26
Borden Inc	12	12
Bristol Myrs Sq	57	58
Browning Ferris	31	31
Brunswick	22	22
Burlington Nthn	49	49
CBS	310	312
CNA Financial	61	61
CPC Intl	51	52
CSX	74	75
Campbell Soup	38	39
Can Pacific	16	16
Cpd Cities ABC	76	78
Carolina Pwr	26	26
Caterpillar	107	109
Central & SW	21	21
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhtn	35	36
Chemical Bk	38	38
Chevron Corp	42	42
Chrysler	47	48
Chubb Corp	73	72
Cigna Corp	65	65
Citicorp	43	43
Clorox	49	50
Coastal Corp	30	30
Coca Cola	47	46
Colgate-Palmolive	55	55
Columbia Gas	27	27
Commonw Ed	22	22
Compaq Comp	37	38
Comp Ass Intl	40	41
Conagra	32	32
Cons Edison	27	27
Cons Nat Gas	39	39
Cons Rail	53	53
Cooper Inds	37	38
Corning Inc	29	29
Crown Cork	35	35
Dana Corp	28	27
Dayton Hudson	85	85
Deere	67	68
Delta Air Lines	48	49
Deluxe Corp	29	29
Detroit Edison	26	26
Digital Equip	21	21
Dillard Dept St	27	26
Disney (Walt)	42	43
Dominion Res	37	38
Donelley (RR)	28	28
Dover Corp	58	58
Dow Chemical	69	69
Dow Jones	31	31
Dresser	19	20
Duke Power	37	38
Dun & Brdstreet	57	56
Du Pont	59	59
Eastman Kodak	48	48
Eaton Corp	48	48
Emerson Elec	60	61

	Aug 18 midday	Aug 17 close
Engelhard Corp	27	27
Enron Corp	31	30
Entergy	24	24
Ethyl Corp	11	11
Exxon	59	59
FMC Corp	56	56
FPL Group	31	31
Federal Express	69	69
Fed Nat Mtge	88	89
First Chicago	50	51
First Interstate	77	77
First Union Rty	6	6
Fleet Finl Grp	37	39
Fluor Corp	51	51
Ford Motor	30	30
GTE Corp	31	31
Gannett	51	51
Gap Inc Del	42	41
Gen Dynamics	41	42
Gen Electric	47	47
Gen Mills	53	53
Gen Motors	50	51
Gen Reinsurance	110	112
Gen Signal	34	34
Genuine Parts	35	36
Georgia Pac	64	65
Gillette	70	69
Glaxo ADR	19	19
Goodrich (BF)	45	46
Goodyear Tire	34	34
Grace (W&R)	38	38
Grt Atl Pac Tea	20	20
Great Wstn Fin	20	20
Halliburton	29	29
Harcourt General	33	33
Heinz (HJ)	37	37
Hercules	103	104
Hershey Foods	44	45
Hewlett Packard	87	87
Hilton Hotels	59	59
Home Depot	44	43
Homestake Mng	17	17
Honeywell	32	32
Household Intl	37	37
Houston Inds	34	34
Humana	19	19
ITT Corp	82	84
Illinois Tool	42	41
Illinova	20	20
INCO	26	26
Ingersoll Rand	36	36
Inland Steel	37	37
Intel Corp	64	63
IBM	66	64
Intl Flav & Fr	42	42
Intl Paper	71	71
James River Va	20	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	49	49
Kellogg	54	54
Kerr-McGee	48	48
Kimberly-Clark	57	57
Kmart	17	18
Knight-Ridder	52	52
Lilly (Eli)	58	57
Limited Inc	19	19
LIN Brdcstng	128	129
Lincoln Nat	36	36
Litton	37	37
Liz Claiborne	21	21
Lockheed	64	64
Louisiana Pac	31	31
MCI Comm	22	22
Marriott Int	29	30
Marsh & McLnn	84	84
Masco Corp	26	26
May Dept St	39	39
Maytag Corp	18	18
McCaw Cellular	51	51
McDonalds	28	28
McDonnell D	115	117
McGraw Hill	69	69
Mead Corp	46	46
Medtronic	94	96
Mellon Bk	57	57
Melville Corp	38	38
Merck Inc	33	34
Merrill Lynch	37	37
Minnesota Mine	53	54
Mobil Corp	80	81
Monsanto	81	81
Morgan (JP)	64	64
Motorola Inc	52	53
Natl Medical	18	18
Natl Semi	19	18
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	14	14
NBD Bancorp	31	32
NY Times A	24	24
Newmont Mng	39	38
Niag Mohawk	15	15
Nike B	64	65
NL Industries	9	10
Noram Energy	6	6
Nordstrom	44	45
Norfolk Sthrn	62	62
Nthn State Pwr	42	42
Norwest Corp	26	26
Nynex Corp	39	39
Occidental Pet	20	20
Ohio Edison	18	18

	Aug 18 midday	Aug 17 close
Oracle Systems	40	39
Oryx Energy Co	14	14
Owens Corning	34	34
PNC Financial	27	27
PPG Industries	38	39
Paccar Inc	48	48
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	21	21
Pac Gas & Elect	23	24
Pac Telesis	32	32
Pall Corp	16	16
Panhandle East	22	22
Parker Hannifin	41	42
Penn Energy	27	27
Penney (JC)	48	47
Pennzoil	51	51
Pepsico	32	33
Pfizer	67	67
Phelps Dodge	60	60
Philip Morris	54	54
Phillips Pet	32	32
Pitney Bowes	37	37
Polaroid	33	33
PriceCostco	14	14
Procter & Gmbl	56	56
Pub Serv E & G	27	27
Quaker Oats	78	76
Ralston Purina	38	39
Raychem Corp	39	39
Raytheon	66	66
Reebok Intl	36	30
Reynolds Metals	48	48
Roadway Srvcs	62	63
Rockwell Intl	34	34
Rohm & Haas	62	62
Royal Dutch	107	107
Rubbermaid	27	27
Safeco Corp	54	54
St Paul's Cos	43	43
Salomon Inc	42	42
Santa Fe Pac	19	14
Sara Lee Corp	22	22
Scecorp	13	13
Schering Plough	69	70
Schlumberger	56	56
Scott Paper	61	62
Seagram	31	31
Sears Roebuck	46	45
Shell Trans	66	66
Sherwin Wllms	32	32
Skyline Corp	18	15
Snap-On-Tools	35	36
Southern Co	18	18
Sthwestern Bell	42	42
Sprint Corp	38	38
Stanley Works	41	40
Sun Company	26	26
Sun Microsys	25	25
Suntrust	48	48
Supervalu	28	28
Syntex Corp	22	22
Sysco Corp	24	25
TRW Inc	71	71
TCC Inds	3	3
Tandem Comp	15	14
Tandy Corp	39	39
Teledyne	17	17
Temple Inland	49	50
Tenneco	46	46
Texaco	60	60
Texas Inst	84	85
Texas Utilities	32	32
Textron	57	57
Time Warner	37	38
Times-Mirror	32	32
Timken	37	37
Torchmark	40	40
Toys R Us	36	37
Transamerica	51	51
Travelers	34	34
Tribune	53	52
Tyco Labs	44	44
UST Inc	30	30
UAL	102	103
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	113	113
Union Camp	46	46
Union Carbide	32	32
Union Pacific	57	57
Unisys Corp	9	9
USAIR Group	6	6
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	35	35
US West	39	40
United Tech	61	62
Unocal Corp	27	27
Upjohn	35	35
VF Corp	50	50
WMX Tech	29	29
Wal-Mart Stores	24	24
Warner-Lambert	78	79
Wells Fargo	150	150
Westinghouse El	12	12
Weyerhaeuser	41	40
Whirlpool	50	50
Whitman	17	17
Winn Dixie	50	50
Woolworth	15	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	42	42
Xerox	106	107

RECENT ISSUES

3i (272)	318	+2
Aromascan	99	...
Ball Giff Shn Npn Wts	85	...
Beacon Inv Tst (100)	102	...
Beacon Inv Tst Wts	46	...
Carnell (18)	28	...
Chamberlain Phipps (165)	171	-1
Copyright Prmtns (120)	119	+1
Emrg Mkts Country	52	...
Emrg Mkts Country Wts	34	...
Freeport Leisure	68	-2
INVESCO Japan Discovery	92	...
-do- Japan Discovery Wts	49	...
Ideal Hardware	280	...
JF Fledge Japan Wts	70	...
John Mansfield (3)	3¼	-¼
Magnum Power	38	-2
Old Mutual SA (100)	94	-1½
Old Mutual SA Wts	42	-½
Orbis (23)	29	...
Panther Securities (90)	90	...
Panther Wts	17	...
Petroceltic	40	...
Pillar Property Inv (150)	158	-2
Schroder Japan Gwth	98	...
Schroder Japan Wts	51½	-½
Suter Wts 99/04	36	...
TR Euro Gwth Ptg Sb (100)	104	+2
Tops Estates Wts	31	...
VideoLogic	40	...
Yates Bros Wine (140)	168	-5

RIGHTS ISSUES

BCE Hldgs n/p (8)	1¼	...
CRT n/p (85)	4	-3
Gibbs Mew n/p (340)	47	...
Hartstone n/p (15)	¼	-½
P & P n/p (60)	12	+1
Prestwick n/p (24)	¼	...
Surrey Group n/p (1¼)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
ADT	705p (+15p)	Bass	568p (-10½p)
General Accident	570p (+9p)	Wellcome	704p (-15p)
Royal	290p (+12p)	Ferguson Int	344p (-8p)
Epwin	334p (+9p)	BAT	425p (-5p)
Bristol Scotts	140p (+10p)	Pearson	634p (-11p)
Bostrom	253p (+13p)	Br Airways	409p (-7p)
Caffyns	338p (+10p)	Wolseley	818p (-15p)
Lex Service	400p (+8p)	Kingfisher	528p (-12p)
T & N	247p (+8p)	Thomson Corp	695p (-20p)
News Int	254p (+10p)	BICC	399p (-17p)
Racal Elect	246p (+10p)	Kode	38p (-37p)
Yorklyde	289p (+8p)	Sothebys	813p (-17p)
Vodafone	206p (+11p)		

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,800	Caradon	1,100	Legal & Gn	545	Scot Power	4,000
Abbey Natl	3,700	Carlton Cms	692	Lloyds Bk	1,900	Sears	8,700
Alld-Lyons	2,500	Coats Vyla	1,300	MEPC	400	Svrn Trent	694
Argyll Gp	5,200	Cm Union	1,800	Marks Spr	1,900	Shell Trans	3,200
Arjo Wiggn	1,700	Courtaulds	1,100	NFC	1,400	Siebe	1,000
AB Foods	146	De La Rue	947	NatWst Bk	5,100	SmKl Bch	3,300
BAA	1,500	Eastern Elec	850	Nat Power	7,800	Smith Nph	1,500
BAT Inds	3,600	Enterpr Oil	1,100	Nth Wst W	648	Sthern Elec	1,600
BOC	1,000	Forte	974	P & O	1,900	Std Chartd	1,100
BP	7,900	GKN	871	Pearson	290	Sun Allnce	3,300
BTR	3,100	GRE	4,700	PowerGen	2,300	TI Gp	1,200
BT	9,300	GUS	1,200	Prudential	2,500	TSB	1,800
Bk of Scot	3,600	Gen Acc	424	RMC	211	Tesco	9,000
Barclays	4,100	Gen Elec	7,300	RTZ	2,500	Thames W	3,800
Bass	1,100	Glaxo	6,400	Rank Org	3,300	Thrn EMI	4,000
Blue Circle	1,900	Granada	2,700	Reckitt Col	749	Tomkins	5,300
Boots	2,700	Grand Met	3,300	Redland	2,000	Unilever	1,500
Bowater	1,400	Guinness	12,000	Reed Intl	244	Utd Bisc	309
Brit Aero	382	HSBC	2,100	Rentokil	577	Vodafone	19,000
Brit Airwys	4,600	Hanson	7,400	Reuters	1,800	Warburg (SG)	436
Brit Gas	11,000	ICI	1,900	Rolls Royce	2,300	Wellcome	1,000
Brit Steel	11,000	Inchcape	2,400	Ryl Ins	11,000	Whitbread	929
Burmah Cstl	738	Kingfisher	3,100	Ryl Bk Scot	1,300	Wllms Hld	739
Cable Wire	6,000	Ladbroke	1,600	Sainsbury	3,100	Wolseley	441
Cadbury	917	Land Secs	311	Scot & New	1,300	Zeneca	1,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3767.41 (-9.07)
S&P Composite .... 463.52 (-1.65)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20862.77 (+38.21)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9518.89 (-19.09)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 414.17 (-3.63)

Sydney: AO .... 2066.8 (+7.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2153.56 (-8.73)

FT 30 share: .... 2490.4 (-7.1)

Brussels:
General .... 7611.84 (-21.65)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2010.54 (-24.44)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 667.90 (-4.00)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1593.74 (-2.78)
FT Non Financials .... 1731.73 (-2.53)
FT Gold Mines .... 239.0 (+1.6)
FT Fixed Interest .... 109.37 (-0.22)
FT Govt Secs .... 91.24 (-0.74)
Bargains 30449
SEAQ Volume 674.0m
USM (Datastrm) .... 157.57 (+0.05)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Dealings From	Dealings To	Final Declaration	For Settlement
August 8	August 19	November 10	November 24

Call options were taken out on 18/8/94: Bullers, Cons Murchison, Elswick, Enterprise Computer, Etam.
Puts: Bullers, Caradon.
Puts & Calls: Glaxo, HSBC 'A', Magnum, Smithkline Beecham 'A'.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 94	3205.0	3218.0	3189.0	3199.0	12828
Previous open interest: 60486	Dec 94	3217.0	3224.0	3214.0	3213.0	600
Three Month Sterling	Sep 94	94.19	94.21	94.14	94.18	14137
Previous open interest: 538712	Dec 94	93.39	93.42	93.23	93.31	35574
	Mar 95	92.75	92.76	92.58	92.64	9014
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 94	94.87	94.87	94.87	94.87	50
Previous open interest: 6901	Dec 94				94.20	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 94	95.07	95.13	95.01	95.04	44783
Previous open interest: 787015	Dec 94	94.87	94.93	94.80	94.83	54980
Long Gilt	Sep 94	101-11	101-16	100-06	100-19	75239
Previous open interest: 112757	Dec 94	101-01	101-05	100-00	100-09	1527
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 94	108.12	108.34	108.11	108.35	413
	Dec 94	107.10	107.40	107.08	107.39	3223
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 94	91.53	91.82	91.08	91.67	175723
Previous open interest: 167216	Dec 94	90.60	90.85	90.25	90.82	5512
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 94				96.91	0
Previous open interest: 76	Dec 94					0
Three month ECU	Sep 94	93.86	93.88	93.79	93.83	1897
Previous open interest: 24866	Dec 94	93.51	93.52	93.41	93.43	1274
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 94	95.61	95.64	95.57	95.61	4964
Previous open interest: 55247	Dec 94	95.34	95.41	95.31	95.34	3754
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 94	97.58	97.62	96.35	96.95	59653
Previous open interest: 92506	Dec 94	96.10	96.10	95.00	95.47	6842

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 78.7 (day's range 78.6-78.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6809-2.6897	2.6823-2.6857	¼pr-par	½-¼pr
Brussels	49.26-49.47	49.27-49.38	par-4ds	3-5ds
Copenhagen	9.4730-9.529	9.473-9.488	⅛-1¼ds	3¾-4ds
Dublin	1.0112-1.0168	1.0133-1.0161	6-9ds	24-30ds
Frankfurt	2.3867-2.3945	2.3870-2.3902	¼pr-par	⅜-¼pr
Lisbon	245.25-246.18	245.51-246.14	138-156ds	385-435ds
Madrid	200.16-200.91	200.62-200.91	44-55ds	126-146ds
Milan	2440.4-2453.5	2440.4-2444.4	7-9ds	22-26ds
Montreal	2.1228-2.1328	2.1298-2.1328	par-0.07ds	par-0.10ds
New York	1.5410-1.5458	1.5448-1.5458	0.05-0.03pr	0.13-0.11pr
Oslo	10.517-10.556	10.527-10.542	¼-1¼ds	1⅝-2¼ds
Paris	8.199-8.224	8.20-8.214	⅛-⅜ds	⅛-⅜ds
Stockholm	12.021-12.181	12.029-12.054	2¾-3¼ds	9⅛-10⅛ds
Tokyo	152.54-154.12	152.54-152.81	½-⅜pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	16.78-16.86	16.80-16.84	1pr-par	3⅝-1½pr
Zurich	2.0035-2.0108	2.0068-2.0097	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5406-1.5432
Australia dollar	2.0852-2.0876
Bahrain dinar	0.5750-0.5870
Brazil real*	1.3833-1.3874
Cyprus pound	0.7275-0.7375
Finland markka	7.8820-7.9980
Greece drachma	358.75-365.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.9146-11.9215
India rupee	47.90-48.86
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4545-0.4645
Malaysia ringgit	3.9401-3.9435
Mexico peso	5.16-5.26
New Zealand dollar	2.5670-2.5730
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7195-5.8455
Singapore dollar	2.3192-2.3222
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8535-6.9044
S Africa rand (com)	5.5214-5.5297
U A E dirham	5.6005-5.7245

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3517-1.3526
Austria	10.89-10.90
Belgium (Com)	31.95-31.96
Canada	1.3791-1.3796
Denmark	6.1526-6.1546
France	5.3208-5.3218
Germany	1.5480-1.5490
Hong Kong	7.7267-7.7277
Ireland	1.5178-1.5193
Italy	1584.0-1586.0
Japan	99.15-99.25
Malaysia	2.5552-2.5562
Netherlands	1.7382-1.7387
Norway	6.8200-6.8220
Portugal	159.10-159.20
Singapore	1.5045-1.5055
Spain	129.85-130.00
Sweden	7.7995-7.8070
Switzerland	1.3014-1.3024

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 4¼ Low 3½ Week fixed: 4¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	4 11/16-4⅝	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5 9/16	-
Sterling Money Rates	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	6-5⅞	6⅛-6¼
Interbank	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	6-5⅞	6⅛-6¼

Overnight: open 4¼, close 3½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5⅛-5	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	6-5⅞	6⅛-6¼
Sterling CDs	5	n/a	5⅛	5⅞	6⅛
Dollar CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6⅛
Building Society CDs	4.73	n/a	4.87	5.19	5.66

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 29, 1994 Agreed rates Aug 24, 1994 to Sept 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.50 %. Reference rate July 1, 1994 to July 29, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.246 %.

EUROCURRENCY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4¼-4⅛	4 11/16-4⅝	5-4⅞	5⅜-5¼	4½-3½
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	4 15/16-4⅞	5-4⅞	5-4½
French Franc:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5⅜	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3½	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅛
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅛

GOLD BULLION & COINS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.90-378.30 Close: $380.10-380.60 High: $380.25-380.75 Low: $376.50-377.00 Krugerrand: $382.00-384.00 (£248.00-250.00)
Sovereigns: Old $89.00-91.00 (£57.00-59.00) New $89.00-91.00 (£57.00-59.00)
Platinum: $411.25 (£266.35) Silver: $5.18 (£3.345) Palladium: $153.00 (£99.10)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	589	32	—	—	15	—	—
(*600)	638	11	—	—	45	—	—
Argyll	280	17	24	31	13	18	25
(*281)	300	8	14	22	25	30	36
ASDA	60	6	8	10	3	5	7
(*62)	70	2	4	5	10	11	13
Boots	500	52	57	69	5	13	19
(*539)	550	19	30	41	25	34	41
Br Airways	390	33	42	52	9	17	23
(*409)	420	16	30	37	24	32	37
BP	390	31	39	46	8	15	19
(*408)	420	13	23	31	22	29	34
Br Steel	140	19	22	26	3	5	7
(*155)	160	6	11	15	10	14	16
C & W	420	47	58	66	7	15	20
(*455)	460	23	35	44	23	32	38
CU	500	55	68	73	5	11	18
(*544)	550	22	37	43	23	29	41
ICI	800	48	68	80	18	30	46
(*820)	850	23	41	55	46	57	72
Kingfshr	500	41	55	66	14	21	26
(*527)	550	15	30	41	39	46	51
Land Sec	650	28	37	50	16	26	29
(*655)	700	8	16	27	44	57	59
M & S	420	27	39	44	8	16	20
(*434)	460	5	16	25	31	37	41
Nat West	460	32	45	53	13	20	31
(*475)	500	13	26	34	34	41	54
Sainsbury	420	36	46	59	9	19	23
(*443)	460	16	26	35	29	38	43
Shell	700	33	47	59	17	24	34
(*720)	750	9	22	30	49	57	63
Smkl Bch	420	42	52	59	8	15	21
(*450)	460	17	28	36	25	33	39
Storehse	200	24	28	32	3	6	9
(*218)	220	11	16	21	11	14	18
Trafalgar	90	7	11	14	7	9	12
(*90)	100	4	6	9	13	16	18
Unilever	1100	50	71	86	23	34	49
(*1120)	1150	26	46	59	53	60	75
Zeneca	800	55	72	85	14	24	39
(*844)	850	24	44	57	37	47	64
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	36	42	50	12	22	27
(*438)	460	16	22	31	33	43	48
Ladbroke	160	22	26	31	7	9	12
(*173)	180	11	16	21	18	20	23
Utd Bisc	330	25	31	36	14	18	26
(*341)	360	11	18	23	31	35	44

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	500	30	38	49	11	16	20
(*515)	525	16	25	34	22	27	32
Thames W	500	32	40	49	13	23	28
(*515)	550	11	17	26	41	51	57
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	27	38	45	18	24	33
(*422)	460	11	21	26	45	48	58
BTR	360	27	34	39	11	15	22
(*377)	390	12	19	24	27	31	38
Br Aero	500	35	51	59	34	46	52
(*500)	550	16	30	39	66	77	82
Br Telcm	360	35	39	44	6	12	15
(*363)	390	16	22	28	18	27	30
Cadbury	460	23	35	30	20	24	32
(*464)	500	8	18	23	47	49	56
Guinness	460	30	41	47	15	20	27
(*473)	500	11	23	27	39	44	50
GEC	300	18	22	27	11	16	18
(*303)	330	6	9	14	30	34	36
Hanson	240	22	25	28	6	9	13
(*256)	260	9	15	18	14	20	23
LASMO	154	13	—	—	10	—	—
(*156)	180	6	8	12	29	30	32
Lucas	180	23	26	29	7	11	13
(*196)	200	11	15	18	17	20	24
Pilkngtn	180	23	25	29	4	7	10
(*195)	200	9	13	18	12	17	20
Prudential	300	26	32	37	9	14	21
(*316)	330	10	17	22	26	30	38
Redland	500	39	51	57	18	24	35
(*525)	550	16	29	33	48	52	64
Royal Ins	280	25	32	36	14	19	25
(*289)	300	15	22	27	26	30	36
Tesco	240	17	24	28	11	15	19
(*246)	260	8	15	18	23	26	30
Vodafone	200	17	22	26	8	12	15
(*206)	217	9	14	—	17	21	—
Williams	354	19	—	—	15	—	—
(*360)	384	7	—	—	35	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3182)

	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300
Calls						
Aug	139	89	40	6	1	1
Sep	167	126	90	59	36	20
Oct	183	147	116	88	66	47
Nov	207	171	140	113	89	68
Dec	—	192	—	134	—	89
Puts						
Aug	1	1	1	21	71	121
Sep	18	26	40	61	89	126
Oct	38	52	70	92	121	152
Nov	54	67	87	109	136	165
Dec	—	82	—	125	—	181

Series		Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	18	30	38		17	26
(*396)	420	6	16	24	30	34	43
Amstrad	30	4	5	7	1	3	4
(*33)	35	2	3	5	4	6	7
Barclays	550	24	43	54	12	23	33
(*559)	600	6	20	30	45	52	63
Blue Circ	300	15	24	34	11	16	23
(*306)	330	4	11	21	31	34	41
Br Gas	280	20	24	29	4	11	14
(*294)	300	8	13	19	12	22	23
Dixons	200	13	22	25	6	12	17
(*205)	220	5	12	16	19	23	28
Forte	240	12	17	23	8	15	19
(*241)	260	4	8	15	22	28	31
Hillsdwn	160	23	26	29	2	4	6
(*179)	180	8	14	18	8	12	14
Lonrho	130	8	13	16	6	9	13
(*131)	140	4	9	12	13	15	19
Sears	110	11	13	16	2	4	6
(*118)	120	5	7	11	6	9	11
Thrn Eml	1050	38	69	85	28	49	65
(*1053)	1100	16	47	63	59	75	92
Tomkins	220	22	28	32	3	7	11
(*237)	240	8	16	21	10	15	19
TSB	200	16	23	27	3	7	12
(*211)	220	5	12	16	14	18	23
Wellcome	700	33	56	75	26	43	53
(*704)	750	12	33	53	58	72	81
Series		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	600	49	62	72	23	35	47
(*634)	650	21	38	48	53	63	73
HSBC	700	56	78	93	35	50	72
(*722)	750	33	55	71	64	77	100
Reuter	500	30	46	57	18	27	35
(*508)	512	24	—	—	25	—	—
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	180	29	30	33	5	8	12
(*199)	200	13	18	22	14	17	21
Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Fisons	140	12	16	18	3	8	11
(*148)	160	3	6	9	15	20	22
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	750	64	79	93	26	36	45
(*779)	800	37	53	67	49	60	68
Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	500	20	34	46	17	29	32
(*502)	550	4	15	25	51	60	63
Scot Pwr	390	28	41	46	7	14	20
(*407)	420	10	24	30	23	29	35

August 18, 1994 Tot: 47207 Calls: 25716 Puts: 21491 FT-SE Calls: 11095 Puts: 9379
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: November LCE coffee regained some ground in the afternoon following an open at the day's low of $3250. The recovery to a close at $3338 was again provoked by technical action in New York, where the market is looking for direction. World sugar on the CSCE made gains with renewed interest after a quiet period, news that the Russian sugar beet crop may fall 25% this year helped firm prices.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	1039-1038	Dec	1130-1127
Dec	1069-1067	Mar	1141-1135
Mar	1089-1086	May	1150-1142
May	1097-1095	Jul	1170-1145
Jul	1104-1103		
Sep	1115-1114		Volume: 3016

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	3380-3375	May	3345-3230
Nov	3335-3331	Jul	3240-3220
Jan	3295-3290	Sep	3235-3210
Mar	3260-3255		Volume: 3153

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		May	unq
Spot: 305.00		Jul	...
Oct	unq	Oct	...
Jan	...	Jan	...
Mar	...		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	318.0-16.5
Spot: 344.00		Aug	319.9-17.5
Oct	320.3-18.6	Oct	307.4-05.0
Dec	317.0-15.1	Dec	307.4-00.5
Mar	317.5-16.7		Volume: 1339

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	80.41	88.42	119.33
(+/-)	+6.06	-3.34	-0.37
Eng/Wales:	80.41	88.93	118.34
(+/-)	+6.06	-4.04	-0.51
(%)	+16.0	+7.0	+30.0
Scotland:	n/a	86.43	125.21
(+/-)	...	-0.62	+1.44
(%)	...	-39.0	+4.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

Open	Close		Open	Close
...	...		...	...

Volume: ...

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	105.10
Nov	105.65
Jan	107.60
Mar	109.45
May	111.35
	Volume: 216

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	103.90
Nov	105.20
Jan	106.55
Mar	108.00
May	109.95
	Volume: 99

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Sep	unq
Nov	...
Jan	...
Mar	...
May	...
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	207.0	210.5
May	unq	210.5
		Volume: 149

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kl)
Sep 75.25-75.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The Nigerian government had clashed again with the unions, thus oil prices posted some gains.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.40	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.65	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.85	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.95	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.05	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	207 (+5)	210 (+5)
Gasoil EEC	151 (+2)	153 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Sep	151 (-1)	154 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Oct	154 (+2)	156 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	82 (-2)	83 (-2)
Naphtha	162 (+3)	163 (+2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Sep	152.00-52.25	Dec	160.25-60.50
Oct	156.00-56.25	Jan	161.75-62.25
Nov	158.50-58.75	Feb	162.50-62.75
			Vol: 10776

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	16.85-16.88	Jan	16.88-16.90
Nov	16.94 SLR	Feb	16.83-16.91
Dec	16.97 SLR		Vol: 21344

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	174.75 SLR	Dec	unq
Oct	170.00 BID	Jan	...
Nov	153.00 BID		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 94	1500	1490	1490
Sep 94	1440	1420	1418
Oct 94	1440	1417	1417
Jan 95	1455	1445	1440

Vol: 196 lots. Open Intrst: 2578 Index 1509 +2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2404.5-2405.0	2415.5-2416.0	1234625
Lead ($/tonne)	574.00-574.50	592.00-592.50	166375
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	941.00-942.00	964.00-964.50	381650
Tin ($/tonne)	5195.0-5200.0	5270.0-5275.0	28745
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1457.0-1457.5	1486.5-1487.0	929925
Nickel ($/tonne)	5785.0-5795.0	5870.0-5875.0	100386

Are Britain's bosses getting more than their fair shares?

As Labour calls for share options to be taxed, Martin Waller looks at how such schemes have made some lucky directors millionaires



Peter Davis left Reed Elsevier, the publisher, with options on Reed shares worth more than £500,000

There never was an earlier, more innocent time when all executives were paid a fair salary for a fair day's work and taxed on it accordingly. But increasingly, directors' remuneration comes in weird and wonderful forms, not least in the ability to buy shares in the company for rather less than ordinary mortals.

A case in point is the departure of Peter Davis, former chief executive of the Reed Elsevier Anglo-Dutch publisher. He left after a boardroom disagreement in June, and it was widely reported at the time that his payoff would be a relatively modest £700,000, or substantially less than he was entitled to under his three-year rolling contract.

Such contracts are deeply unpopular in the City. Mr Davis's failure to get all of his due was seen at the time as an example of corporate restraint, a view the company was keen to promote.

But instead, as Reed shareholders learnt this week, he received a total package of £2 million, the latest in a series of highly lucrative sackings at the top of British industry. Part of the difference between the two sums was a generous pension element, for a man still in his early 50s. But Mr Davis also left with options on Reed shares worth more than £500,000.

Much of the row over too high pay packages for the heads of privatised industries has centred around share options, prompting the outburst from Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, yesterday. Most recently it was learnt that Bryan Weston, who retires at the end of this month as chairman of Manweb, the electricity company covering North Wales and Merseyside, is leaving the company with shares worth £950,000 and options that are potentially, at today's share price, worth a couple of hundred thousand pounds if exercised.

Mr Weston is a lucky man. Few people who started their careers 45 years ago in the relatively humdrum electricity industry as an apprentice dreamt they would end up as paper millionaires, even in today's debased currency. But Mr Weston is not alone, and most of the directors in the electricity and water industries can expect to be sitting on six-figure gains for their executive share options. Mr Brown's claim is that executive options granted for the privatised utilities offer their directors notional profits of £105 million in total.

A share option is a scheme designed to provide management and employees with incentives to improve the company's performance and stay with it. It bestows the right to exercise the option and buy shares at a set price in the future, generally between three and ten years after the option is created, and the benefit to those receiving that right is the profit to be made if the price rises in the interim.

This has other advantages to the two parties over the award of a large amount of cash, whether as a bonus or as salary. For the recipient there are tax benefits; no tax accrues until the shares are sold for a profit, and they can be gifted to non-tax paying members of a family, for example.

For the company, if, as is often the case, the shares being bought are new equity created for the occasion, there is no cost in cash terms, the only real cost being the very slight dilution suffered by the shareholders. Roaring stock markets have fuelled the growth of such schemes coupled with high rates of taxation for high earners: even though executives no longer suffer the 83 per cent tax rates that represented the peak, the average boardroom still views it as a disincentive that 40p of every £1 added to an executive salary should go straight to the Treasury.

The real growth in share option packages came from the need to find a way of linking executive pay to a company's performance. Profits-related bonuses have their adherents, but this is still a cash payout by the company, from shareholders' funds, to its directors. In headline terms, it is all lumped in as salary, with damaging results in publicity terms. An example is Sir Alistair Grant, chairman of Argyll Group, owner of Safeway supermarkets. He earned slightly more than £1 million last financial year, a year when the company's profits were falling. Argyll's explanation, that his pay contained a bonus element designed to reward him for profits rises in the previous years, did not save Sir Alistair a grilling at the company's shareholders' meeting.

> "Share options are less transparent ... standards of disclosure vary wildly from company to company"

Share options do not suffer from the same disadvantage. For one thing they are far less transparent, often hidden away on obscure pages of the report and accounts and not easy to decipher, and there is no real requirement to report them in full. This is now being examined by the Accounting Standards Board, which is likely this autumn to request more clarity and at least an indication of the price at which they are granted, but for now, standards of disclosure vary wildly from company to company.

From a corporate point of view, share option schemes have the disadvantage that they tempt whole blocks of management, whose options are created at the same time, to take flight simultaneously like flocks of migrating starlings once the profits are in the bank. They also tend to sow envy and dissatisfaction among those just below executive level who do not benefit from them.

Defenders of the schemes can demonstrate that executives are sharing, in their own small way, in shareholders' own good fortune, as with no rise in the share price there can be no profits. But disquiet over options is growing in the City, fuelled by examples like the electricity companies, where sharp advances in share prices not necessarily linked to directors' performance — the industry was grossly underpriced when floated in 1990 — have led to immediate windfalls once the options are exercised.

The guidelines laid down by the City's two biggest trade bodies of institutional shareholders, the National Association of Pension Funds and the Association of British Insurers, are clear. They cover all new share options packages set up after last summer, when they were introduced. Shareholders have to approve all new schemes. "It is a fundamental requirement that exercise of executive share options should be subject to some realistic measure of management performance," the guidelines say. Judged "undesirable," therefore, although quite legal, is the granting of options to be exercised at below the current share price, because this would offer profits in due course even if the price remained unchanged.

The guidelines accept that it would be difficult to prescribe one single measure of management performance. But whatever the company decides — and the simplest is probably the setting of the exercise price at well above the current share price — the ideal is that it "creates a community of interest between corporate management and the shareholder".

Difficulties arise where the granting of options, on terms that would not be acceptable today, is under a scheme that predates the guidelines, as in several recent cases. John Rogers, secretary of the National Association Pension Fund's investment committee, says there is an argument that remuneration committees should do away with any old schemes that do not comply with the new guidelines.

"We would encourage remuneration committees to re-examine what they have traditionally been doing: to say, is this still best practice, granting without the directors having to achieve any sort of performance?" he says.

Tax changes in 1984 made share options more advantageous and, as a result, a number of schemes created then to run for ten years will be coming up for renewal. But given that some of the old schemes still in place may have approaching a decade still to run, scrapping them ahead of time would appear to require more self-restraint than corporate Britain has been able to muster so far this summer.

TEMPUS

Very Welcome

JOSÉ Ignacio López de Arriortúa, the controversial manager that VW poached from General Motors, has been been worth all the trouble. GM's industrial espionage allegations have not distracted him from attacking the company's plump overheads. His cuts at GM produced a multi-billion dollar turnround and now he has worked the same magic in Wolfsburg.

VW's group net profit of DM133 million in the second quarter, after a DM342 million loss in the first, was all the more remarkable given that the company's home market has yet to reawake. This was the carmaker that lost nearly DM2 billion last year. The return to the black, and the prospect of a real profit for 1994, came faster than expected.

But the interim figures indicate that deep recession and record losses were just what the doctor ordered to force VW into a radical re-examination of its working practices. The four-day week, the severe reduction in procurement costs and a stream of measures to reduce costs and inefficiencies, have paid instant dividends.

Even the burden of Seat, its Spanish subsidiary, looks like being lifted, now that the public purse has agreed to put 38 billion pesetas towards restructuring. With new Audi and Polo models about to reach the market, VW's German plants are also set to increase sales, building on 10.4 per cent pickup in group sales in the second quarter. The productivity improvements have allowed vehicle output to increase by 3.9 per cent with a 4.1 per cent smaller workforce. Set for a 1994 net profit of DM350 million, VW is a DM2.3 billion turnround tale and looks like a buy.

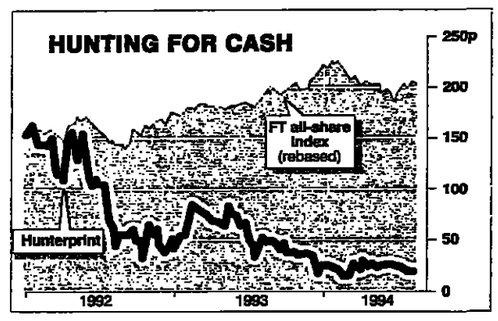
HunterPrint

WILL HunterPrint ever return to the black? Long-suffering shareholders have endured two major refinancings in recent years, yet all they have received for their pains is a host of profit warnings, mounting debts and increasingly unsympathetic bankers. The prospect of profits, let alone dividend payments, looks a long way off.

Yet HunterPrint appears to be doing all the right things. It has won big contracts and cut overheads vigorously. In a business with such high fixed costs, this strategy of increasing sales and reducing overhead should benefit the bottom line. But this has failed to happen.

One-off teething problems at its expanded Corby plant badly affected the group's performance. Installing three new presses at the same time as launching five new titles was a recipe for disaster, particularly for a company as accident-prone as HunterPrint. Without these difficulties, the business would have been close to breakeven: a notable achievement for a company that has not made a profit since 1988.

But even HunterPrint's management admit the turnround is taking longer than expected. So far, institutional shareholders — and banks — have backed it, believing some progress is better than no progess. After all, the pre-tax loss was more than £12 million two years ago. But their patience may not last another 12 months if the company again fails to deliver.



Euro Disney

HAVING handed £700 million of shareholders' money to the banks, thereby completing its side of the restructuring bargain, Euro Disney is back to the more difficult business of running a profitable theme park in France. The refinancing leaves the company highly geared — about 200 per cent — but with a lengthy breathing space in which to build up attendance and improve the level of spending per head.

Yesterday the shares slid back another 4p to 126p, close to a new low, but the price is scarcely relevant, given the prognosis of more losses. Assuming attendance levels notch up another million next year and spend per head is restored to 1993 levels, the company could break even in 1995. Even then, likely profits or losses will be academic, dependent as Euro Disney now is on interest forgiveness worth some Fr600 million and a holdiay from management and royalty fees.

The reason to buy Euro Disney shares is because you believe recovery in Europe will send more families on theme park holidays over the next few years. Investment in new rides should improve capacity per hour and reduce queues, and it is hoped the Channel Tunnel will increase the British contingent. But Euro Disney has competitors, and the fuss over the French funfair has encouraged such as Alton Towers to invest in new attractions. Euro Disney will be fighting for custom for some years to come and punters in the shares should remember that, as revenues come right, the financial holiday will end. The shares could fall a further 20p before they reach their floor.

Ericsson

METEORIC growth in orders, sales and profits is what the market has come to expect from Ericsson, the Swedish telecoms group barely known by investors in the UK. The group raised profits 137 per cent last year and the company spends more time dampening than raising expectations.

Interim figures from the company will encourage the bulls with a 60 per cent rise in sales from its radio communications division, which included an 80 per cent boost in mobile telephone sales. The cellular phone is Ericsson's winning product with 40 per cent of the world market in systems, its product having been one of the first in development. The company has recently started selling handsets, having recognised that buyers in the Far East want a complete package.

Ericsson's formula has been colossal spend on research and development — typically reaching up to 20 per cent of turnover. The company blames the need to develop bespoke systems but a Rolls-Royce research department has paid off with a burgeoning order book of SEK40 billion, amounting to two-thirds of last year's turnover. Ericsson's public telecoms business is soaking up the lion's share of the spend in a bid to keep ahead of competition in advanced public switching systems. Cash flow is negative and gearing is on the rise. Co-operation agreements with other manufacturers are helping to keep costs down but sooner or later the company could ask investors for funds.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Kretowicz quits Charterhouse

NO such thing as a summer lull at Charterhouse Bank. Robert Kretowicz, high-flying head of corporate finance, has quit after nine months in the job in what is being described internally as a clash of wills. Kretowicz, who was lured across from Chemical Bank last November as part of a big management shake-up by Victor Blank — and with a predictably big salary package thrown in — resigned with effect from the end of July. Word of his abrupt exit is just beginning to leak out. It just so happens that Howard Hyman, former head of corporate finance at Price Waterhouse, joined Charterhouse at the end of July. A spokesman insists the two events are not linked in any way. "It is just one of those things that didn't work out. He didn't fit in with us, and the whole thing is very amicable." Kretowicz, now sunning himself for a while in Portugal, while he contemplates his next move, led the consortium that tried to acquire the film interests of Rank Organisation for about £400 million last year. He is well known in the Square Mile, not only for his taste in large cigars, but as a result of earlier stints at Morgan Grenfell and Salomon Brothers.

Officer's cross

A TAP on the shoulder for Klaus Albrecht, who stepped down as managing director of Deutsche Bank in London earlier in the year. I hear that his work in promoting Anglo-German business links has earned him one of his country's top awards, the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit. Albrecht, 57, joined the executive committee of the German-British Chamber of Industry and Commerce in 1989, soon after moving to the UK from Australia to take up his post. He later became vice chairman and was particularly successful in promoting British investment in the new German federal state. Albrecht is now back in Australia running Deutsche Bank's office in Sydney and keeping an eye on its subsidiary Bain & Co. the management consultancy.

Gulliver's travels

NO slowing down for Sir James Gulliver, architect of the Argyll supermarket group, who celebrated his 64th birthday in some style at the Savoy Hotel this week. "Wee Jimmy" squeezed in lunch with his ex-wife and their children before a quick dash back to Edinburgh, where he surfaced at the National Galleries of Scotland's 10th anniversary festival party, hosted by director Timothy Clifford, who was putting on a brave face over his televised remarks about John Paul Getty. Sir James's wife Melanie missed the fun, but will be by his side for a belated birthday dinner tonight at Fife's five-star Peat Inn, where the proprietor-chef, David Wilson, has promised Sir James a magnum of his favourite Corton Charlemagne.



"Shouldn't we insure against Lautro?"

Russian posting

CHIEF executives should make a point of reading the latest edition of *The Cambridge Journal of Economics* if they plan to post any of their staff to Russia. Professor Michael Ellman's contribution points out that Russia now has a murder rate three times that of the US, and death patterns show the high level of stress seen in, say, Harlem. Russian men, it seems, have a life expectancy below that of the Chinese, reflecting poverty, poor diet, deteriorating hygiene and economic, social and political disintegration. And Western institutions have not helped, with the International Monetary Fund backing the Russian government in its attempt to cut medical services. The monetarist approach Moscow was urged to adopt also appears to have contributed to Russia's crisis, the professor says. Having second thoughts about sending Jones to Omsk?

Numbers game

TIMES really are changing in South Africa. I hear that cellular phones have become the ultimate status symbol among township dwellers in Durban. Those who can't afford the real thing — or indeed find one because there is an acute shortage — are buying toys instead. Toy shops report a boom in sales of plastic phones for aspiring yuppies to use while driving about town. Taking it all a step further, a company in Johannesburg is offering to call owners of real cellular phones on request, providing an authoritative touch to business meetings and lunches.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Rate of return for British Gas

From the Director-General of Gas Supply, Ofgas

Sir, Pennington used the wrong figures in calculating the rate of return that Ofgas expects British Gas to earn on new investments (August 18).

Our consultation paper *Proposed Price Controls for Transportation and Storage*, published on June 15, says that, provided British Gas achieves improvements in efficiency, new investment and expenditure should earn a real rate of return within the range of 6.5 per cent and 7.5 per cent, in line with the MMC's recommendations. Not 4 per cent as you said in the item headed "The regulators' tea party".

The correct figures make a nonsense of your claim that Stephen Littlechild, of Offer, was "absurdly generous" whereas I was "destructive". In fact, the rates of return for new investment for both utilities fall within the same range.

Yours faithfully,
CLARE SPOTTISWOODE,
Director-General
of Gas Supply,
Ofgas,
130 Wilton Road, SW1.

Bean and gone

From Dr Valerie Goldberg

Sir, If, as you report, the wholesale price of coffee fell by 175 cents per pound between 1989 and 1992, can you explain why the price of my favourite instant coffee stayed stable all that time and actually increased by 11 per cent six months ago? Was this a pre-emptive strike in case there should be a frost in Brazil in June 1994?

Yours faithfully,
VALERIE GOLDBERG,
6 Hollycroft Avenue,
Wembley, Middlesex.

CHESHIRE
BUILDING SOCIETY

6-MONTH'S GROUP RESULTS (UNAUDITED)

	6 months to 30 June 1994 £'000s	6 months to 30 June 1993 £'000s
Net Interest Receivable	13,954	13,887
Other Income	3,359	3,675
Total Income	17,313	17,562
Management Expenses	7,422	7,214
Operating Profit before Provisions	9,891	10,348
Provisions for Loan Loss	2,000	2,250
Profit on Ordinary Activities	7,891	8,098
Tax on Profit on Ordinary Activities	2,604	2,672
Profit for the Half Year	5,287	5,426
Gross Capital	98,124	76,179
Total Assets (£m)	£1,384.9m	£1,308.6m

The Group results as above are unaudited

- Pre-tax profits almost maintained at last year's level
- Cost containment policies successful in restricting growth in Management Expenses to only 2.9%
- Reduction of 11% in "Provisions for Loan Losses"
- Successful PIBS issue of £10m in first quarter
- Capital base growth of £21.9m (up 29%) over the last 12 months

Paul Hughes, Chief Executive commented:

"We have effectively maintained our profitability in an increasingly competitive and fragile mortgage market. Tight control of costs has continued, together with sympathetic arrears management which is beginning to bear fruit.

"Our PIBS issue of £10m in the first quarter has helped to make the Cheshire one of the best capitalised societies.

"The Society anticipates the competitive pressures continuing throughout the year, but its strong capital position and comprehensive range of mortgage, investment and general financial services products will enable it to continue to compete effectively".

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Cornish mine finds worldwide saviours

BY COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

TWO Britons, one from Dorset and the other from Northern Ireland, and both living in Vancouver, and an Indian family living in Mauritius, have emerged as the corporate saviours of the South Crofty tin mine, in Cornwall.

South Crofty, Britain's last working tin mine, needed to raise £1 million by midnight on August 4 to secure its future. The money was critical if loans to the mine from the government and from RTZ were to be written off.

Small investors from around the world, and hundreds of Cornish people, chipped in a total of £550,000, and two corporate investors promised £350,000 and £300,000.

South Crofty yesterday named its saviours as Crew Natural Resources — a Canadian company established by Gerald Wright and John Darch in 1985, and which is quoted on the Vancouver stock exchange — and Ocean Consolidated, based in Mauritius and which has extensive interests in the metal and minerals industries in the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent.

Ocean says its decision to take a stake in South Crofty "was based on its high regard for the mine's management and in recognition of the fighting spirit of its employees". Kevin Ross, South Crofty's managing director, said there was a prospect of entering into joint venture agreements with Ocean for the development of opportunities in India, now that India's mining industry was being opened up.



Ross: joint ventures

Crew controls three other companies. One is involved in a geothermal energy project in British Columbia, another is exploiting a potash deposit in Thailand and the third is exploring areas in Botswana for diamonds.

Crew sees South Crofty as an opportunity to expand its base of operations.

Mr Wright, aged 45, was born in Ulster and has a PhD in water resources engineering from Queen's University, Belfast. Mr Darch, aged 47, was born in Dorset and once worked for NatWest Bank in south-west England.

Their company was introduced to South Crofty by David Williamson, a former Cornish tin miner turned City entrepreneur, who now runs the David Williamson Associates mining consultancy group.

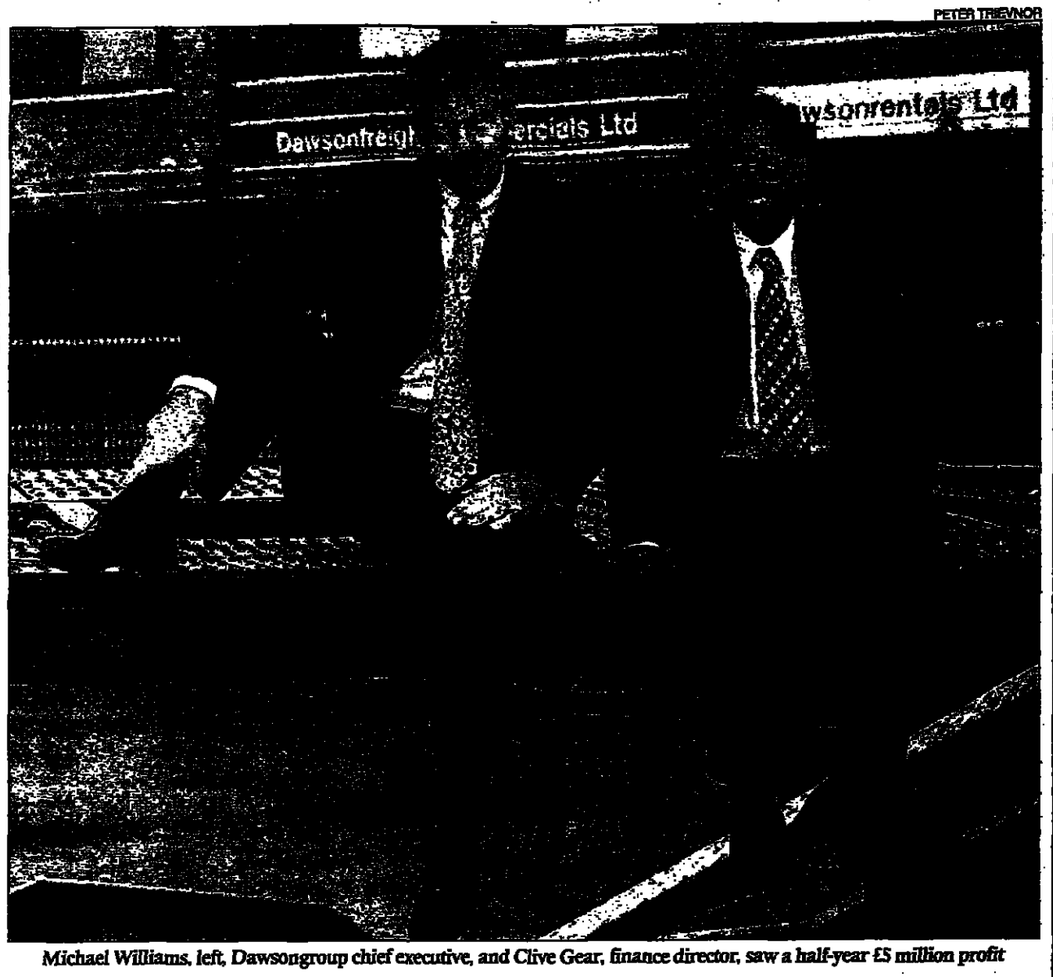
Crew will initially acquire 60 per cent of South Crofty. Mr Williamson said the company's intention was to offer other South Crofty shareholders a two-for-one share exchange into Crew Natural Resources.

Crew might change its name to South Crofty Mine and seek a listing for the shares on a more senior stock exchange than Vancouver — possibly Toronto and, in time, London.

A senior exchange listing, Mr Williamson suggested, should encourage City institutions to take equity stakes.

South Crofty's share offering, which seeks to raise £1.8 million, remains open until September 30. Mr Ross said that, to date, £1.223 million had been raised, and there would be a concerted effort to reach the £1.8 million target.

PETER TREVNOR



Michael Williams, left, Dawsongroup chief executive, and Clive Gear, finance director, saw a half-year £5 million profit

Short-term rents lift Dawsongroup

PROFITS of Dawsongroup, the commercial vehicle hire and distribution company, moved into top gear on the back of a buoyant short-term rentals market (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Pre-tax profits in the half year to June 30 rose to £5.02 million, from £3.55 million, on sales of £28.2 million, up from £24.8 million. The interim dividend rises by 20 per cent, to 1.8p (1.5p).

Tony Frendo, chairman, said that exceptionally high utilisation in the short-term truck and trailer rental market had bolstered profits. Average utilisation in the truck rental business rose to 87 per cent (72 per cent). Trailer rental utilisation rose to 84 per cent, from 81 per cent. The long-term contract hire market remains weak, but Mr Frendo said that signs of recovery were emerging.

Qantas launches revamp in run-up to its flotation

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

QANTAS, the Australian national carrier, in which British Airways has a 25 per cent stake, has launched a major programme to enhance its services, competitiveness and image before flotation next year.

The Australian government plans to sell, in the first half of next year, the 75 per cent of Qantas that it still holds. The disposal, expected to raise about A$2 billion (£962 million), would be one of country's largest ever flotations.

James Strong, managing director, said that Qantas would upgrade the airline's frequent flyer programme by offering more partnerships with other carriers, such as BA and USAir, BA's American partner, American Airlines, Canadian Airlines International and Scandinavian Airlines System.

The programme, which will also give Qantas's 120 aircraft new cabin interiors and create a new business class, is meant to enable the airline to compete more effectively with other Pacific carriers, such as Cathay Pacific and Singapore Airlines.

However, Mr Strong said that Qantas also faced more competition in its home market. Ansett Airlines, the main domestic rival, part-owned by The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, was in a strong position, he said.

Deutsche BA, the loss-making German domestic airline in which BA has a 49 per cent stake, yesterday said that it had rejected an offer from Eurowings, a regional German airline, for code-sharing and had decided to concentrate on price competition with Lufthansa, the German national carrier.

Richard Heideker, managing director of Deutsche BA, said that his company wanted to continue to compete head-to-head with Lufthansa, and secure 35 per cent of the German domestic market.

Lufthansa, which returned to profit in the first half, is today to issue full half-year figures expected to show that it is on course for further improvement in the second half. The figures prepare the way for the first tranche next month of a two-part rights issue to dilute the government's majority holding to a minority, effectively privatising Lufthansa.

Sony blames yen for 39% profit fall

SONY Corporation, the world's leading electronics and entertainment group, yesterday blamed the rising yen for a 39 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to Z3.6 billion yen (£154 million) in the three months to June 30. Sony said: "If the value of the yen had remained the same as in the first quarter of the previous year, group sales would have been Y43 billion higher."

Tsunao Hashimoto, executive vice-president, said increasing sales of audio-visual products in the US, European and Asian markets, helped offset the impact. He saw no need to change Sony's Y125 billion profit forecast for the year to March 1995. Overseas sales were strong, he said. Among products recording brisk increases were compact disc players, 4 million units during the three months (up from 3.4 million), Walkmans, 3.4 million (2.9 million), and colour TVs, 2.15 million (1.8 million).

Loan boost for BBB

A £200,000 loan from its chairman helped BBB Design, a computer design company, to make a pre-tax profit of £138,000 in the year to April 30, compared with a £154,000 loss the previous time. The turnaround was also helped by a 3 per cent sales rise, to £1.95 million. The company said the level of customer inquiries in the current year was encouraging. The loan by Philip O'Donnell, chairman, left BBB with cash of £219,000 at the end of April. The loan is in the form of unquoted debenture stock that was due to be redeemed last December.

Clarke up as sales dip

T CLARKE, the electrical equipment installer, boosted pre-tax profits by 54 per cent, to £424,000, in the first half of the year in spite of sales falling by a third, to £21.6 million. Earnings per share rose by 62 per cent, to 2.05p, and the company is paying an unchanged half-year dividend of 1.26p. Clarke said that trading in its second half could fall further. Competition is fierce in Clarke's markets and the company said that it was not prepared to accept work at uneconomic rates. However, it emphasised that it was still cash-positive and "in excellent shape".

Govett buys back shares

GOVETT & Co, the international fund management company registered in Jersey, has bought a second tranche of its own shares within a week. The purchase was of 75,000 ordinary shares at 399p each. Earlier in the week, Govett bought about 825,000 of its shares at 388p to 389p each. The company, which last year bought back more than 5 million shares, has shareholders' permission to buy up to 15 per cent of the 71 million in issue, before June 1995. The object is to enhance earnings per share. Last night the shares closed 3p up at 391p, compared with this year's high of 465p.

Kode dives into red

A SLUMP in the computer maintenance market has plunged Kode International, the computer group, to a loss of £515,000 in the first half of the year. A year ago, it made an interim profit of £280,000. The company has abandoned its interim dividend, after paying 2p a share a year ago. Kode said that it was reorganising DCM Services, its maintenance subsidiary, and had taken a £150,000 exceptional provision for the restructuring and charged a further £200,000 against the fall in stock values. Kam Circuits, Kode's printed circuit board maker, increased profits slightly in the half year.

Sentence of detention and prison

Regina v Williams (Robert Anthony)

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Ognall and Mr Justice Gage

[Judgment July 21]

A judge passing sentence was not prevented from imposing a consecutive or concurrent sentence of imprisonment with a sentence of *detention in a young offender* institution on an offender who had attained 21 years of age between convictions at different courts of different offences.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by Robert Anthony Williams, born on October 19, 1972 who was sentenced at Leicester Crown Court by Judge Pitchers in December 1993 on pleading guilty to robbery, for which he was sentenced to three years imprisonment, and other convictions at Stafford Crown Court in July 1993 for burglary, theft and failing to surrender to custody, transferred to Leicester Crown Court, for which the judge imposed prison sentences of 18 months, ordered to run concurrent with the three years.

Section 1A(6) of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, as inserted by section 123(4) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, provides that where an offender who "(a) is serving a sentence of detention in a young offender institution; and (b) is aged over 21 years, is convicted of one or more further offences for which he is liable to imprisonment, the court shall have the power to pass one or more sentences of imprisonment to run consecutively upon the sentence of detention in a young offender institution."

Mr Brian Reece, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that after the appellant had served some months in custody awaiting trial on a charge of rape of which he was acquitted, the judge, by way of allowance, ordered the prison terms for the Stafford offences to run concurrently with the term for the Leicester offence.

In imposing prison the judge erred. From *R v Danga* ([1992] QB 476) it was clear that the relevant time for considering the offender's age was the date on which he was convicted.

The appellant at the date of the Stafford offences conviction was aged 20, so that the only custodial sentence which could be imposed was detention in a young offender institution.

Mr Reece contended that the judge, by making the 18-month sentence in respect of the Stafford offences concurrent with the three-year sentence, pre-supposed that he had power to impose the 18 months consecutive to the Leicester offence.

Mr Reece went on to submit that, in view of section 1A(6), the judge had no power to pass consecutive sentences for the two groups of offences, as section 1A(6) authorised imposition of a consecutive prison sentence to a sentence of detention in a young offender institution in the case of an offender already serving a young offender detention, and that implied there was no power to impose such a sentence in any other situation.

Their Lordships did not so hold. They considered that section 1A(6), which dealt with a special case where a judge was faced with an offender already serving a sentence, had no bearing on the powers of a judge to deal with an offender before him on whom to pass sentence in the normal sentencing exercise, namely, by imposing custody, if appropriate, either concurrent or consecutive.

The judge was right to say that the Leicester and Stafford offences were different and serious, which he was entitled to make consecutive and, because of the period in custody awaiting the rape trial in which the appellant was acquitted, the sentences were made concurrent and thereby took that period into account.

The sentence passed was in no way excessive. Detention in a young offender institution was substituted for imprisonment imposed for the Stafford offences. The appeal was dismissed.

Certificate insufficient authority

Regina v Jones (Terence Michael)

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Mr Justice Auld and Mr Justice Longmore

[Judgment July 28]

A certificate for a firearm and ammunition was not in itself lawful authority under section 19 of the Firearms Act 1968 for the holder of the certificate to have the firearm and ammunition for it in a public place.

The mistaken belief by the holder of an invalid certificate that it was valid and that it was lawful authority was not capable of being a reasonable excuse and therefore a defence under section 19.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by Terence Michael Jones against his conviction in June 1993 on a plea of guilty at Southwark Crown Court (Judge Laurie) of possessing a firearm without a firearm certificate and, on a plea of guilty on rearraignment following a ruling by the judge, of having a firearm and ammunition in a public place.

He was given a conditional discharge on the first count and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment suspended for two years on the second count. He was ordered to pay £915 towards the costs of the prosecution and a forfeiture order was made in respect of the pistol and ammunition.

Section 19 of the Firearms Act 1968 provides: "A person commits an offence if, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse (the proof whereof lies on him) he has with him in a public place a loaded shot-gun or loaded air weapon, or any other firearm (whether loaded or not) together with ammunition suitable for use in that firearm."

Mr Piers Wauchope, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mrs J. B. O'Malley for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE AULD, delivering the judgment of the court, said that there were three points of law raised by the appeal. They turned on the construction of section 19 of the 1968 Act.

The first issue was whether a certificate for a firearm and ammunition was in itself lawful authority for the holder of the certificate to have the firearm and ammunition for it in a public place.

The second was whether, if a firearm certificate was lawful authority for that purpose, mistaken belief by the holder of an invalid certificate that his certificate was valid was capable of being a reasonable excuse and, therefore, a defence under section 19.

The third was whether, if a firearm certificate was not lawful authority for that purpose, the mistaken belief by the holder of an invalid certificate that it was valid and it was lawful authority, was capable of being a reasonable excuse and, therefore, a defence *under section 19.*

On the first issue, in their Lordships' view it was plain from the structure and wording of the relevant provisions of the 1968 Act that such a certificate was not lawful authority for the purpose of *having the firearm and the ammunition* to which it related in a public place.

The holding of a certificate was the primary requirement under sections 1 and 2 of the Act to save the possessor of a firearm or a shot-gun, wherever he had it, from committing an offence under those sections.

Section 19 was one of a group of sections imposing additional restrictions on the holders of firearms or shot-guns, for the purpose, as the group heading accurately described it, of "Prevention of crime and preservation of public safety".

Just as sections 1 and 2 said nothing about possession or holding of a firearm or shot-gun "in a public place", section 19 said nothing about a firearm or shot-gun certificate.

Their Lordships were reassured in their interpretation of section 19 by the decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court on an appeal from magistrates by way of case stated in *Ross v Collins* ([1982] Crim LR 368) in which it held that the existence of a shot-gun certificate did not render lawful the carrying of a loaded shot-gun in a public place.

The same reasoning had to apply, *a fortiori*, to the stricter prohibition of section 19 in relation to a firearm, whether loaded or not, other than a shot-gun or air weapon, if its carrier also had with him ammunition suitable for use in it.

Accordingly, a holder in a public place of a shot-gun or any other firearm in the circumstances specified in section 19 might be without *lawful authority* and, in breach of the section for that reason, whether or not he held a firearm or shotgun certificate.

Having ruled that a firearm certificate was not itself lawful authority for the purpose of section 19 the second issue was academic.

However, where there was an honest but mistaken belief of facts which, if true, would have constituted lawful authority, it was capable of being a *reasonable excuse* within the section and the judge should so direct the jury, leaving them to determine whether the defendant had proved the requisite facts and whether in the circumstances his belief in them amounted to a reasonable excuse.

The critical point of law was the third, whether the appellant's mistaken belief both that his certificate was valid and that it constituted lawful authority, was capable of being a reasonable excuse.

The court had no hesitation in ruling that a belief in lawful authority based on facts which, if true, could not amount to lawful authority, was not capable of being a defence of reasonable excuse to a charge under section 19.

Accordingly, the appellant's mistaken belief that his certificate was valid and therefore constituted lawful authority was not capable of amounting to a defence of reasonable excuse.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, London Area HQ.

Power to extend matrimonial payment time

Masefield v Alexander (formerly Masefield)

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Rose and Sir Tasker *Watkins*

[Judgment July 22]

The court had jurisdiction to extend time for the payment by the husband of a lump sum to his former wife in matrimonial proceedings where he was not to blame for the delay; the extension of time did not prejudice the wife's position and time was not of the essence of the lump sum order.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the husband, Robert Anthony Masefield from parts of an order of Mr Justice Johnson on July 8, 1994 refusing him leave to appeal against a decision of District Judge Million on January 12, 1994 that the court had no jurisdiction to extend time for payment of a lump sum to his former wife, Sarah Charlotte Alexander, dismissing his application to discharge a default order for sale of his house at Fulham, London and directing that he execute a contract for sale of the house.

Mr Martin Pointer for the husband: Lord Meston for the wife.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said the issue in the case was whether a court could extend time within which a party could pay a lump sum. The parties had married on February 20, 1988 having lived together since 1985 and had one child. There were two children from the wife's previous marriage.

The wife had left to live with another man and divorce became absolute on October 9, 1992. A consent order made on October 4, 1993 by District Judge Angel which provided for payment of £100,000 by January 1, 1994 so that the wife could buy a house. The order provided in default of payment for the sale of the former matrimonial home, the parties to take stated shares of the proceeds.

Parliament had decided [in section 31 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973] that lump sum orders were not variable. But was time part of the order?

In the light of the authorities it was necessary to look at the purpose of the extension to see whether or not it went to the heart of the order. In the present case the husband's failure to pay the money had not changed the position. He was not blameworthy for the failure to meet the deadline, nor was the wife prejudiced thereby.

Time was not of the essence of the order and variation of the time did not go to the substance of the order.

The purpose of the omission from section 31 of the 1973 Act of a power to vary lump sum orders was to favour certainty and prevent the beneficiary of such an order having two bites of the cherry.

If the provisions of the order in default of payment were implemented the wife would get a substantially greater sum and the husband would lose the house. There was no reason for that if he was not blameworthy.

The judge's approach in refusing to vary the order was rigid and too draconian. If it had been an order imposed by the court and not with consent there was no doubt time would have been extended. The judge had ignored blameworthiness and prejudice. The result was not fair and there was no reason to indulge the vindictiveness of the wife by requiring a sale come what may.

Lord Justice Rose and Sir Tasker Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Gordon Dadds; Hunt & Hunt & Houghtons, Romford.

No power to review trial date

Regina v Southwark Crown Court, Ex parte Ward

The decision of a crown court judge, following argument, as to the date when a trial on indictment would commence was a judicial decision "relating to trial on indictment" for the purposes of section 29(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and the High Court therefore had no jurisdiction to entertain an application for judicial review of such a decision.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Steyn and Mr Justice Kay) so held on July 26, refusing for want of jurisdiction an application for judicial review of the decision of Judge Mota Singh, QC, in Southwark Crown Court that an indictment on which the applicant was charged alone should be tried before an indictment charging him jointly with earlier offences of dishonesty.

MR JUSTICE KAY said that the meaning of "matters relating to trial on indictment" in section 29(3) had been considered by the House of Lords in *In re Smalley* ([1985] AC 626), *In re Sampson* ([1987] 1 WLR 194), *In re Ashton* (*The Times* May 7, 1993; [1994] AC 9) and *R v Manchester Crown Court, Ex parte DPP* (*The Times* November 26, 1993; [1993] 1 WLR 1524).

In the light of those decisions and in particular of the helpful pointer given by Lord Bridge of Harwich in *Smalley*, the question was whether the decision was one which affected the conduct of a trial on indictment.

The decision made by the judge after full argument and weighing the relevant factors was a judicial decision and did affect the conduct of the trial: without such a decision there could be no trial and any delay in starting the trial might affect its conduct.

Professional rules needed for new lawyers on appeal

Regina v Clarke
Regina v Jones

Before Lord Justice Evans, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Longmore

[Judgment July 29]

Consideration should be given to drawing up rules of professional conduct for barristers and solicitors to cover the procedures to be followed in criminal cases where appeals were brought by fresh lawyers who did not appear at the trial.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing the appeals of Dennis Fitzgerald Clarke and Anthony Michael Jones against their convictions on March 22, 1991 at Birmingham Crown Court (Judge Farrer, QC and a jury) of offences of robbery, attempted robbery, assault with intent to rob, conspiracy to rob, theft, firearms offences and taking a vehicle without consent.

Mr James Wood, who did not appear below, for Clarke; Mr Patrick Thomas, who did not appear below for Jones; Mr David Jones for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the present case was one of a number of recent cases where appeals or applications for leave to appeal had been made by solicitors and counsel who did not appear at trial and had come to be involved or instructed after the trial and where the grounds put forward included, to a greater or lesser extent, criticisms of the conduct of the defence at trial. The case illustrated two aspects of that kind of appeal which the court found disturbing.

First, it was not until there was a hearing that the appellant's new representatives knew the full story of what had happened at the trial. Sometimes they had made enquiries; sometimes not. In the present case, there had been some enquiries in relation to Jones in January 1991, but none appeared to have been made in relation to Clarke.

The second aspect was the question of delay which, as the present case illustrated, could become considerable. Necessarily, solicitors and counsel newly instructed wanted to see transcripts or records of the trial proceedings. They applied for legal aid and there might be a considerable expenditure of public funds.

Their Lordships were conscious that the court should be alert not to prevent or to place any difficulties in the way of proper applications of that kind, but felt also that the court should be concerned that there were procedures in place which were apt to avoid delays in meritorious cases and to avoid unnecessary expenditure and delay in those cases which were not.

Thus it seemed to their Lordships that there were strong reasons for urging that there should be rules of professional conduct in cases such as the present which would cover essentially three points.

First, an obligation upon fresh solicitors and counsel to communicate promptly with those who had appeared at trial.

Second, an obligation on trial counsel and solicitors to respond promptly to those enquiries.

Third, and of equal importance, those freshly instructed should immediately notify the Registrar of Criminal Appeals if an appeal or application was in prospect so that the court could do its best to avoid the unconscionable delays such as had occurred in the present case and, to their Lordships' knowledge, in many other cases also.

For those reasons the court would suggest to the professional bodies concerned, the Bar Council and the Law Society, that consideration should be given as a matter of urgency to rules of professional conduct of that sort.

Solicitors: Tyndallwoods & Millichip, Birmingham; Lovsey, Marsh & Co, Birmingham; Crown Prosecution Service, Birmingham.

Small profit-taking

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	381	Abbey Nat	396 †	...	...	4.9	13.3
314	234	Allied Irish	245 †	-3	...	5.1	9.4
278½	179½	Aus New Z	198	...	...	4.8	29.5
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	3087½	-30	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	270	-1	...	4.8	7.8
247	172½	Bank Scotland	196	+4	...	3.2	16.0
640	487	Barclays	558½	-1½	...	3.7	17.2
37	13½	Carlisle	29½	...	...	1.1	...
600½	449	Cater Allen	521 ↓	+1	...	6.7	∞
180	130	Castles	153½	-1½	...	4.1	15.7
2828½	1543½	Chase Manh	2262½	-6½	...	...	...
2812½	2262½	Citicorp	2800	-37½	...	...	...
285½	209	Close Bros	243	...	...	3.3	13.2
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£138¾	+340½	...	6.1	...
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515	395	Gerrard Nat	478	...	22.0	5.8	13.8
1113	660	HSBC	723	-11	...	4.3	10.4
1133	680	HSBC HK	740	-14	...	4.2	10.6
473	256	Hambros	314 †	-1	...	6.0	12.9
443	400	Joseph (L)	405 †	...	...	5.4	11.8
170	131	King Shaxson	131	...	...	8.6	12.9
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	513 †	...	...	4.7	9.0
660	519	Lloyds	551 †	-8	...	5.2	10.8
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	113	...	...	3.9	17.2
620½	489½	Nat Aust Bk	528	...	...	5.4	11.0
622	421	Nat West	475 †	-4	...	5.1	8.8
573	415	Provident	509 †	+1	...	3.9	16.2
79	53	Rea Bros	66	...	...	1.8	16.9
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	401	-3	...	3.7	18.1
1460	1050	Schroders	1393	+43	...	1.5	12.8
359½	223	Stand Chart	253	-9	...	3.2	8.6
291	197	TSB	211 †	-3	...	4.8	10.6
199	108	Union	113	...	...	5.0	10.3
1012	676	Warburg SG	758	+4	...	3.6	9.2
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	£103¾	-56½	...	2.6	...
280	194	Westpac	213	-4	...	2.6	∞
390	293	Wintrust	293	...	...	4.5	∞

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied-Lyons	601	+2	...	4.6	14.7
619	485	Bass	566	-10½	...	4.6	14.8
298	250	Boddington	283	+2	...	3.5	15.8
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	404 †	...	...	3.3	23.3
196	166	Burtonwd Brw	190 †	+8	...	3.3	15.9
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'▲	152	-2	...	3.0	21.1
66	46½	Powers Brewing	53	...	...	5.4	61.4
493	416	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	416 †	...	...	2.3	17.2
506	375	Grand Met	438 †	-7	...	3.8	19.0
511	399	Greenalls Grp	453	+3	...	3.5	17.4
584	452	Greene King	501 †	+2	...	3.2	13.9
542	428	Guinness	473	+4	...	3.4	15.3
261	239	Hardy Hansn	259	...	...	4.3	13.2
180	135	Heavitree▲	150	...	...	3.4	13.5
457	353	Highland Distl	418	-1	...	2.0	19.8
3620	3125	Holt J	3620	...	...	1.7	20.4
180	127	Macallan-Glen	180	...	...	0.8	49.7
628	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	628	...	...	1.9	25.8
246	195	Mansfield	235	+3	...	2.3	∞
302	256	Marston Thmp	282	+1	...	2.6	15.1
626	544	Matthew Clark	626 †	...	...	3.6	∞
250	113	Merrydwn W	122 †	...	...	2.6	...
545	463	Morland	500	...	...	2.8	16.7
10½	8½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.2	15.7
267	209	Regent Inns	244	...	...	2.0	24.8
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1253½	...	...	2.2	20.4
591	493	Scot & New	545 †	+1	...	3.9	16.2
190	142	Taunton Cider	174 †	...	...	4.7	13.3
306	229	Vaux Group	253	+3	...	4.7	16.3
403½	324½	Wetherspoon JD	389	...	...	1.9	25.7
617	494	Whitbread	573	-2	...	4.1	16.7
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	544	+2	...	3.0	15.3
180	148	Yates Bros	168	-5	...	2.2	20.7
535	483	Young 'A'	503	...	...	3.7	19.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	160 †	...	...	1.6	∞
27	12	Albrighton	12 †	-1	...	5.2	11.5
200	148	Allen▲	157	...	...	4.2	18.6
164	99	Amec	114	-3	...	3.3	54.8
454	333	Ashtead▲	412 †	...	...	1.7	∞
165	109	Atwoods	114	-1	...	5.5	...
363	274	BPB Ind	335 †	-1	...	3.0	22.6
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	135	...	...	2.9	25.5
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	...	...	2.6	20.8
88	18½	Barcom	25	...	...	8.8	3.0
60	38½	Bardon	43	...	...	5.8	...
292	183	Barratt Devs	183	-4	...	3.4	19.7
169	139	Beazer Homes	145	-2	...	4.3	12.7
304	198	Bellway	214	...	...	3.6	20.1
59	42	Bellwinch	42	...	...	...	...
244	125	Berisford Intl	206	-4	...	...	...
573	391	Berkeley Gp	425 †	+1	...	2.1	17.7
215	118	Bett Bros	175	...	...	2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	72	...	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	307	-4	...	4.6	25.8
355	277	Boot (Henry)	285	-5	...	2.9	14.5
80	35	Brandon Hire	80	...	...	2.4	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	92	+3	...	6.2	26.3
154	130	Br Dredging	146	...	...	4.8	18.7
98	78	Brit Fittings	87	...	2.0	2.9	∞
197½	140	Bryant	145	-2	...	4.1	22.1
145½	111½	CALA	123	...	...	2.6	...
409	321	CRH	371	-2	...	2.6	18.8
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	24	Costain	27½	-1½	...	...	...
185	143	Countryside	150 †	-1	...	3.4	33.3
120	85	Crest Nicholson	88 †	-½	...	2.3	16.3
140	100	Cussins	121	...	...	3.1	14.6
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	24½	-½	...	1.5	...
350	273	Epwin	334	+9	...	3.0	19.7
82	57	Erith	70	...	...	1.8	39.4
473	348	Eve Group▲	348 †	-5	...	4.0	∞
60	36	Galliford	36	-½	...	3.5	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	94	...	2.5	3.3	∞
1028	863	Gleeson (MJ)	863	...	...	1.8	15.1
218	182	Graham Grp	192	-1	...	3.0	18.3
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	160	...	...	2.3	23.6
82	46	Heverson	75	...	...	2.1	...
473	334	Heywd Wim	368	...	...	4.4	24.5
144	93	Higgs & Hill	93	-1	...	3.4	...
41	27	How Gp	38	...	...	2.5	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	26 †	...	...	3.8	∞
100	67	Ibstock	76	-1	...	1.6	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	129	-1	...	3.6	15.0
428	261	Laing (J)	289	-1	...	3.8	21.3
164	104	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	116½	-1½	...	6.9	...
145	115	Ln Clydeside▲	127	...	...	4.7	17.6
173	78	Lovell (YJ)	78	...	...	...	...
405	332	Manders	358	...	...	3.5	18.9
217½	139½	Marley	158	-2	...	3.3	25.9
155	126	Marshalls	139 †	...	...	3.8	17.0
285	196	Maunders (J)	245	...	...	2.7	23.6
353	194	McAlpine (A)	205	...	...	4.0	30.1
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	64	+1	...	1.0	...
569	384	Meyer Intl	424 †	-1	...	3.2	17.9
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	98	+1	...	2.6	...
202½	96	NSM	108	...	...	...	12.4
196	146	Newman Tnks	175	...	...	4.4	23.5
379½	239	Persimmon	250	+1	...	4.5	23.4
21	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	22.0
198	131	Prowting	132	...	...	3.2	40.6
1079	805	RMC Gp	968	+1	...	2.7	22.4
116	68	Raine Ind	71	+1	...	3.5	15.4
40	23	Ramus▲	25	...	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	523	-5	...	6.0	27.4
108	70	Rosbel	95	...	4.3	5.7	...
185½	125	Rugby Group	146	-4	...	2.9	19.7
81	53	Secure Retire	55	...	...	...	...
64	50	Swfld-Rvn	64	...	0.5	1.0	∞
195	155	Sharpe & Fisher	190	...	...	2.8	20.8
288	222	Sheffield Insl	269	+1	...	2.5	21.6
342	233	Sheriff Hldgs▲	341 †	...	...	1.6	22.7
157	94	Shorco▲	151	...	3.2	4.3	27.5
245	195	Smart (J)	220	...	...	4.8	19.0
5	1½	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
206	135	Tarmac	147	-2½	...	4.7	...
257	154	Tay Homes	179	...	...	4.2	19.2
183	121	Taylor Woodrw	138	...	...	1.4	33.7
760	598	Tilbury Dougls	599	...	...	6.9	62.0
60	36	Torex Hire▲	56 †	...	...	2.0	29.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	318	...	...	3.1	25.7
29½	16	Trencherwood	18	...	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	29	+1	...	2.2	...
28	21	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.2	...
113	90	Vibroplant	103	...	...	4.5	∞
170	127½	Wainhomes	142	...	...	3.7	15.3
74	50	Ward Hldgs	69	-3	...	0.9	...
63	33	Waterhouse	56	+1	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	518	...	...	2.9	22.3
225½	154	Westbury	162	...	...	4.1	18.1
7	3½	Wiggins	6	...	...	...	...
571	397	Wilson Bowdn	400	...	...	2.9	15.1
259	185	Wilson (C)	210	...	...	2.5	20.5
249	151	Wimpey G	152	-3	...	4.3	22.7
30	16	YRM	24	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	705	+15	...	...	...
455	253	Adam & Harvey	455 †	+7	...	4.1	∞
83	58	Air London▲	63	...	...	6.9	13.8
62	44	African Lakes	53	...	...	1.2	...
140	92½	Auto Sec	95	...	...	...	12.3
162	101½	BET Ord	120	-3	...	3.4	20.0
195	115	BNB Res	175	...	...	1.5	20.4
255	175	BPP	228	+3	...	4.9	16.4
186	151	BSM	152	...	...	4.8	12.9
235	198	Barbour Index	203	...	...	5.4	∞
1½	1	Black & Edge▲	1½	...	...	...	...
226	161	Brit Data Mgt	170	...	4.9	3.6	12.4
31	22	Broadcastle▲	27	...	...	4.6	12.9
79	58	Brooks Service	69	...	...	2.7	...
117½	93	CRT Gp	93 †	-3	...	4.5	∞
238	158	Capita Group	163 †	...	...	2.1	20.8
59	30	Caskel Plc	34½	...	...	4.0	11.7
26½	7½	Chiltern Capital	26½	...	...	...	...
85	56	Christie	61	...	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	343 †	+1	...	2.3	21.0
61	41	Corp Services	57	-1	...	0.5	21.4
97	81	Coutts Cnslg	89	...	...	...	...
179	140	Dart	152 †	...	...	3.0	16.2
278	212	Davis Service	234	-1	...	4.3	16.5
154	119	EW Fact▲	121	...	...	4.9	9.1
34	18½	Gardiner	18½	...	...	5.1	8.8
334	261	Hays	301	-2	...	2.3	23.2
289	220	Hogg Robinsn	248	...	...	3.6	17.3
39	18	Holmes Protectn	28	...	...	...	1.7
365½	240	Hutch Whamp	307½	-1½	...	1.9	21.6
2646½	1903½	ISS B DKr	2003½	+9½	...	5.3	2.1
609	428	Inchcape	486	-6	...	3.8	15.5
165	156	JBA Hldgs	156	...	...	1.9	15.9
414	283	Johnson Clean	283	-1	...	4.8	11.3
8	4	Lep	4½	...	...	...	...
375	283	Mitie Gp	338	...	...	1.7	∞
1606½	1156½	Manpower	1578½	-6½	...	0.8	...
97½	65	Michael Page	87½	+½	...	3.0	21.5
132	90	Parky	110	...	...	1.7	28.3
115	85	Pendas▲	88	...	...	5.9	...
89½	60½	Proudfoot	67	...	...	6.5	16.6
415	310	RCO	310	...	...	6.2	10.6
133	97	REA	120 †	...	...	6.2	45.8
150	104	Reed Executive	150	...	1.0	0.8	...
131	105	Reliance Sec▲	130	-1½	...	4.6	∞
279	199½	Rentokil	237	-1	...	1.5	24.4
190	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	190 ‡	+2	...	2.6	29.6
392	243	Salvesen (C)	280	+½	...	3.6	14.6
61	43	Scot Pickford▲	56 †	...	...	2.0	∞
17½	9	Select App▲	13	...	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	284	...	...	1.5	25.9
130	75	Sherwd Cmp▲	124	-1	...	1.8	...
130	100	Sketchley	103	...	...	3.9	16.1
338	325	Warner Howard	329	-1	...	2.8	15.6
30½	20½	Wills Gp	21	...	...	2.5	14.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
152	115½	Allied Colloids	152 ↓	+½	...	1.9	24.4
1141	910	Amersham	1025	-4	...	1.9	21.5
3½	2½	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
£137½	£106½	BASF DM	£137½	+40½	...	7.0	...
373	287	BTP	318 †	-1	...	3.9	20.1
£159½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£153½	-153½	...	6.0	...
171	97	Blagden	126	+1	...	1.5	58.9
131	98	Brent Chems	127	+1	...	3.9	...
460	314½	Brit Biotech	390	...	...	...	...
15	5½	Caird Gp	7½	...	...	...	20.8
199	152	Canning (W)	190	...	...	4.6	33.2
580	465	Courtaulds	539	-8	...	3.4	43.5
384	327	Croda	383	+1	...	2.7	19.5
133	95	Doeflex	100	+5	...	5.7	11.3
282	225	Ellis & Everard	275 †	...	...	3.5	∞
58	35½	Euro Colour	56	...	...	2.6	20.0
365	337	Halstead (J)	365	...	...	2.3	17.1
223	160	Hickson	178	+1	...	5.7	15.7
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£148½	-7½	...	5.1	...
250	153½	Holliday Chem	239 †	+1	...	2.3	19.5
808	728	ICI	850 †	-8	...	4.2	66.2
843	704	Laporte	800	-5	...	3.2	21.7
248	190	Leigh	225 †	+1	...	4.3	20.6
75	48	MTM	78	-1	...	...	...
2600½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2434½	+28½	...	1.4	∞
625	481	Pamersn Zoch	498	...	...	3.2	13.1
595	416	-do- 'A'	482	...	...	3.3	12.7
250	183	Plysu	189	...	...	4.6	27.0
349	265	Porvair	313	+3	...	1.7	23.5
66	44	Sutcliffe Speak	48	...	...	1.3	28.2
490	381	Wardle Storeys	390	...	...	5.5	20.4
738	570	Wolstnhlme R	738	...	...	3.0	18.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	437 †	+3	...	2.4	18.9
336	258	Yule Catto	328	+2	...	2.4	24.9
869	632	Zeneca	844	-3	...	4.2	16.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Alders	232 †	...	...	3.3	17.3
410	330	Argos Plc	364	+1	...	2.9	19.0
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	71	-3	...	0.2	...
357	300	Asprey	314	...	...	2.4	15.5
231	176	Austin Reed	231	+1	...	3.0	12.0
168	139	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	+1	...	5.5	15.2
150	110	Bentalls	125	...	...	2.0	47.1
165	73	Betterware	83	...	...	3.9	9.0
48	36	Blacks Leis	45	...	...	6.5	∞
264	214	Body Shop	242	...	...	1.0	22.7
593	504	Boots	539	...	...	3.5	21.3
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½	...	...	...	...
245½	210	Brown (N)	244	...	...	2.0	23.4
74½	51	Burton	61	...	...	4.1	...
245	180	Cantors	192	...	...	2.6	26.7
520	388	Church	483	...	...	3.4	27.7
171	96	Clinton Cards	97	...	...	6.1	8.4
297	200	Coats Viyella	228	-½	...	4.4	19.9
170	148	Ctry Casuals	145	...	...	3.7	14.8
908	740	Courts Furnish	771	...	...	1.0	39.0
210	155	Crown Eye▲	165 †	-5	...	3.8	...
137	83½	Dairy Farm Intl	97	-½	...	3.8	13.3
136½	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	135	+½	...	1.3	24.5
287	170	Dixons Grp	205 †	-3	...	4.0	26.4
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
13½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	7½	...	...	3.1	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.7	∞
284	191	Essex Furn	192	...	...	2.5	30.7
314	217	Etam	314	+7	...	3.0	22.3
558	494	Fine Art Dev	504	...	14.3	3.5	15.6
50	46	Fired Earth	48	...	...	...	...
725	680	Forminster	723 †	...	...	2.8	∞
211	124	French Conn▲	211	+9	...	...	11.9
73	48	Gems SR	62	-1	...	4.5	19.3
118	85	Goldsmiths Gp	118 †	+4	...	1.2	21.2
653	549½	GUS	577	+4	...	2.9	16.7
196	164	Hamleys	185	...	...	3.2	17.8
31	21	Hampden Grp▲	23	...	...	3.4	...
70½	13½	Hamptons	15 †	-1	...	2.7	...
91	64	Honeysuckle▲	65	...	...	4.8	9.5
218	178	Hse of Fraser	218	+½	...	2.9	19.6
211	173	Jacques Vert	186	...	...	3.1	16.1
579	477	Kingfisher	528	-12	...	3.5	12.9
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	68 †	...	...	7.4	14.3
435	350	Liberty	398	...	...	1.5	48.0
380	277	Lloyds Chem	312	...	...	3.2	10.3
180	137	MFI	147	-2	...	3.5	18.7
460½	380	Marks Spencer	434	+1½	...	2.6	20.2
660	554	Menzies (John)	588	+1	...	2.4	14.3
343	298	Moss Bros	326	...	...	2.7	15.0
271	214	Next	271	+5	...	2.5	20.1
112	39	Oliver (G)	72	...	...	...	77.5
335	255	Oriflame Intl	284	+5	...	4.7	∞
37	22½	Pentos	22½	...	...	...	...
268	169	QS Hldgs	170	...	...	3.8	20.0
62	25	Rhino Grp▲	31	...	...	2.0	11.2
209	157	Rosebys	158	+1	...	3.8	17.7
180	113	Sherwood Gp	116	...	...	3.1	11.5
132	110	Sears	119½	-½	...	3.8	20.3
46	29½	Signet Group	30	...	...	...	15.2
549	450	Smith WH	479	-8	...	3.9	15.4
21	11	Specialeyes▲	12	...	...	...	...
252	205	Storehouse	218	-3	...	3.2	19.4
198	146	T & S Stores	193	-1	...	4.0	14.4
173	124	Tie Rack	142	...	...	1.5	16.9
265	215	Time Products	238	...	...	4.5	18.4
132	105	Usher (Frank)▲	105	...	6.0	7.1	11.4
507	384	Vendome	507 †	...	...	1.4	∞
44	34	Vivat	38	...	...	4.1	9.9
70	34	WEW Group	36	...	...	2.1	26.5
81	42	Wensum▲	81	...	...	3.1	28.6
129	91	Wickes	94	...	...	1.7	21.0
97	54	Wld of Leather▲	89	...	...	...	...
195	138	Wyevale	146	...	...	3.8	15.5

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	109	ACT Group	127	+1	...	5.2	11.9
296	248	Acal▲	276	...	...	3.1	17.3
645	478	Admiral	645	...	...	1.3	19.7
195	163	Alba	193	...	...	3.3	15.6
43	34	Alphameric	43	+3	...	...	32.8
50	26	Amstrad	33	...	...	1.9	...
110	73	App Holo▲	110	+1	...	...	...
39	24	Arden	30	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	90½	...	...	1.0	22.5
281	176	Azlan	179 †	-9	...	2.1	∞
383	239	Beales Hunter	269	...	...	4.6	∞
478	378	BICC	399	-17	...	6.1	24.8
535	411	BICK	440 †	+3	...	3.0	17.7
1100	637½	Borland▲	875	...	...	...	...
380	305½	Bowthorpe	334	-1	...	2.6	18.7
486	353½	BT	383½	+3½	...	5.4	13.4
387	236½	BT P/P	264 †	+3½	...	5.4	13.4
30	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	+½	...	1.6	14.2
79	55	Burnfield	70	...	...	4.5	54.4
543	394	Cable Wireless	456 †	+8	...	2.3	19.4
35½	24	Chloride	30	...	...	...	...
310	263	CML Micro▲	268	...	...	2.8	∞
182	105	Comptr People	181	+1	...	1.0	41.2
202	154	Cray Elect	187 †	+1	...	1.5	∞
467	412	Critchley	463	...	...	2.2	20.7
586	473	Delta	529	...	...	3.4	23.5
665	446	Denmans El▲	584	+2	...	1.4	16.3
560	400	Domino	559	...	...	1.9	24.0
78	68	Dowding Mills	75	...	...	4.2	25.2
1635	1220	Druck▲	1498 †	...	...	0.9	∞
589	463	Electrocomps	498 †	-2	...	2.4	21.7
199½	135	El Data Prc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	165	+4	...	2.5	∞
36	21	Emess	36	+½	...	0.3	...
451	343	Eurotherm	384 †	+1	...	1.6	22.7
212	162½	FKI	179 †	-1	...	2.6	21.8
656	512	Farnell Elect	540	+2	...	1.7	22.2
359	256	First Tech	339	...	...	1.3	∞
283	202	Forward Gp▲	215	...	...	2.9	12.9
50	14½	Forward Tech	49½	-1	...	0.6	...
353½	269½	GEC	303 †	+3	...	4.5	15.2
197	119	Graseby	149	...	...	5.5	13.8
14½	10	Graystone	14	...	...	0.9	...
193	126	Ind Control	134	...	...	4.3	12.0
388	268	Jones Stroud	315 †	...	...	3.6	∞
145	99	Kalamazoo	142 †	...	...	2.9	∞
16	9	Kembrey	16 †	...	0.1	1.2	∞
395	335	Kenwood App	374 †	+3	...	3.0	17.9
298	221	Kewill Sys▲	258 †	-1	...	2.3	∞
165	38	Kode	38	-37	...	19.7	5.4
35	19	Laser-Scan▲	22	...	...	...	...
149½	68	LRMS▲	94 †	...	...	...	...
355	255	Lec Refrig	355	...	...	3.2	...
171	107	Life Sciences	142	...	...	3.4	34.9
314	286	Logica	286	...	...	1.8	33.0
52	45	LPA Ind▲	46	...	...	4.3	...
216	135	MR Data Mngmt	139	-1	...	5.0	15.5
723	553	Macro 4	553	...	...	4.4	16.6
281	280	Memvier-Sw▲	242 †	...	...	2.1	∞
1320	795	Micro Focus	885	-5	...	...	8.5
178	126	Microgen	130 †	...	...	7.0	13.0
45	31	Microvitec▲	41½	...	...	...	...
548½	432	Misys	434 †	...	...	2.3	∞
494	185	Mitel	245	+6	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp▲	177	...	...	3.0	18.1
315	250	MTL Inst▲	311	+1	...	1.6	20.1
148	114	Murray Ent	126 ↓	...	...	2.0	...
2746½	2300	NYNEX	2515½	-12½	...	...	...
128	78	Neotronics	78 †	...	...	4.2	16.9
56	53	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
415	279	Norbain▲	410 †	...	...	0.7	∞
90	47	Northamber	90 †	...	...	1.1	∞
9½	4½	Oceonics	6	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	26 ↓	...	0.5	2.5	∞
368	277	Oxford Inst	304 †	...	...	2.0	17.9
84	60	P & P	72 ↓	+1	...	3.9	17.9
98	74½	Peak	87	...	...	4.9	22.5
235	175	Pegasus	178	...	...	3.5	19.6
£105	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.5	...
2165½	1400	-do- Lmp nv	2150½	-9½	...	0.9	9.6
440	236	Phonelink▲	246	+1	...	...	...
359	283	Pilco	358	-1	...	1.6	∞
344	283	-do- 'A' Voting	340	-3	...	1.7	∞
123	70	Plasmec	121	...	...	8.1	...
129	100	Pressac	127	-1	...	2.5	28.0
308	181	Psion▲	255	-1	...	1.4	27.9
258	187	Racal Elect	246 †	+10	...	2.2	20.3
50	33	Radamec	46	...	...	4.6	13.9
41	27	Radius▲	39	...	...	1.3	...
166	73	Real Time ▲	155	+2	...	3.3	∞
311	229	Roxboro	257	-2	...	0.9	18.8
610	507	Sage Gp	583	...	...	2.2	15.7
94	77½	Sunderson Elec	84	...	...	4.2	...
89	19	Scantronic	21	+1	...	3.0	...
256	162	Scholes Grp	250	...	...	0.8	∞
426	310	Sema Gp	424	...	...	0.9	25.6
270	245	Servomex	245	...	...	3.3	27.5
49	37	Sfrvenmines	37	...	...	1.8	22.0
94	63	Soundtracks▲	68 †	...	...	4.4	15.4
3225	2265½	TDK	2884½	-12½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits▲	14½	...	...	...	...
170	83	Telemetrix	90	+2	...	1.4	11.5
295	191	Telspec	284	...	...	1.1	34.3
1165	979	THORN EMI	1058 †	+23	...	4.0	21.6
207	133	Thorpe FW	205	-1	...	1.7	18.4
43	22	Total Systems▲	25	...	...	7.5	∞
305	215	Tunstall	249	...	...	1.8	17.8
365	258	Unitech	358 †	-2	...	2.3	∞
16	8½	Verity	11½	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec▲	23½	...	...	2.1	12.8
212	157½	Vodafone	206	+11	...	1.7	26.9
483	366	Volex	418 †	...	...	5.4	18.5
31	20	Western Selectn	26	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	260	Wholesale Ftgs	274	...	11.7	5.5	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
728	537	East Midlands	713 †	+13	...	4.0	56.3
786	566	Eastern Elect	780 †	+8	...	3.7	17.1
477	322	Hydro-Elect	379 †	+4	...	4.2	12.0
733½	534	London Elect	688	+13	...	4.1	10.5
850	635	Manweb	783 †	+7	...	3.9	9.4
769	547	Midlands Elec	755½	-2½	...	3.8	11.8
510	404½	National Powr	502	+½	...	3.1	12.5
801	589	Northern Elec	759 †	+17	...	4.1	9.5
421	329	Nthn Ireland	369 †	+2	...	3.9	10.1
806	587	Norweb	775 †	+9	...	3.7	10.2
587	449	PowerGen	576	-5	...	2.7	12.6
486	337½	Scottish Power	407 †	+9	...	3.8	12.9
435	299	Seeboard	418	+8	...	3.5	11.1
825	591	Sth Wales	755 †	+10	...	4.2	10.2
744	551	Sth Western	741 †	+14	...	4.0	9.8
755	540	Southern Elec	729 †	+6	...	3.9	11.4
729½	532	Yorkshire Elec	687 †	+10	...	4.3	13.4

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	1.0	2.5	∞
165	99	BWD▲	110 †	...	...	4.8	9.0
118	96	Baltic Plc	116	...	...	1.6	12.9
215	163	Bisoc Inv	167	-1	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	735	...	...	2.8	18.2
2600	1900	Camellia	2500	...	...	1.6	6.7
383	310	Candover	325	...	...	4.2	...
465	387	Govett	392 †	+4	...	4.8	6.3
250	185	Ivory Sime	230 †	...	...	4.1	17.9
428	175	Johnson Fry	198	-1	1.5	1.0	...
245	143	Lon Forfaiting▲	147	...	...	7.9	9.2
57	44	Manakin	49	...	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	17½	...	...	...	0.4
58	53	Newmarket	58	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Brs	272	...	...	3.4	14.3
29	21½	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	4.1	13.4
363½	281½	S & U	337	-1	...	3.9	11.0
114	82	Singer & Fried	86	...	...	4.3	11.3
1260	788	Sotheby's	813	-17	...	3.4	35.1
186	131	S/P Capital	153	-2	...	2.5	9.4
204	174½	Towry Law	176	...	...	3.3	17.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2019½	1628½	Amer Express	1787½	-6½	...	...	...
154	131	Brewin Dolphin	151 †	...	...	4.8	11.2
229	152	Gartmore	170	...	...	2.8	20.7
1208	845	Henderson Ad	925	...	...	5.9	14.7
251½	152	Invesco	186	...	...	2.4	30.5
317	214½	Jardine Strat	250½	-5½	...	3.2	10.3
323	247	MAI	285	-1	...	3.0	15.5
117½	95½	MAI 5.5% Cv Pf	108½	...	...	...	...
770	538	MAM	635	-1	...	4.5	14.6
1243	794	M & G	1005	-3	...	3.5	21.0
496	342	Smith New Crt	403 †	...	...	3.1	3.6
65	25	Trio Hldgs	27	...	...	6.9	12.3

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	581 †	-7	...	3.2	11.4
66	50½	ASDA Group	62½	-½	...	3.5	13.1
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	305	...	...	3.5	12.2
74	44	Albert Fisher	47	-2	...	10.0	10.4
306½	222½	Argyll	282 †	+4	...	5.1	12.3
270	220	Banks (S C)	266	+1	...	4.7	∞
380	305	Barr (AG)	370	...	...	2.3	23.9
72	56	Bensons Crisp▲	58	...	...	6.1	19.2
481	378	Booker	434	-1	...	6.3	15.5
56½	48	Borthwick	53½	...	...	3.0	22.9
505	424	Brake Bros	424	...	...	2.0	15.7
43	24	Budgen	29 †	...	...	4.3	∞
178	156	CPL Aromas	175	...	...	2.1	16.7
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	465	-10	...	3.9	15.8
182	143	Carrs Milling	187	...	...	3.0	∞
167	130	Cranswick	160	...	...	6.3	13.6
17	11½	Cullens	14½	...	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	117 †	...	...	1.6	∞
543	399	Dalgety	465	+3	...	5.6	13.6
87	50	Daniels S	57	...	...	0.7	...
294	219	Devro	290	+1	...	3.1	16.9
80	60	Everest	65	...	...	7.1	12.4
394	348	Fairpak	350 †	...	...	2.4	∞
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	6.8	14.2
105	87	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
371	193	Geest	224	-3	8.1	4.5	...
20½	14	Global▲	16	...	...	3.9	14.6
68	38	Grand Central	39	...	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	134 †	-3	...	6.2	8.2
196½	151	Hillsdown	180	+2	...	6.1	14.4
28	16	Hobson	22	+½	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	152	...	...	3.1	9.7
111	93	JLI Group	98 †	...	...	6.1	13.8
656	523	Kwik Save	597	-4	...	3.9	10.4
363	138	Low (Wm)	363	+1	...	2.9	12.0
124	85	Matthews (B)	119	...	...	2.6	19.0
18	10½	Merchant Retail	11½	...	...	2.2	...
141	99	Morrison (W)	139	+2	...	0.9	16.2
246	205	Nichols (JN)	238	+1	...	3.1	15.1
271½	197	Nthn Foods	220 †	-7	...	5.0	10.7
14	9	Nthmbrn Fin▲	12	...	...	...	...
232	180	Nurdin Peacock	192	+2	...	4.2	10.6
131	89½	Park Foods	124 †	...	...	2.4	∞
81	62	Perkins Food	77	...	...	7.2	12.9
141	109	PizzaExpress	122	-1	...	0.5	26.8
5½	2½	Regina Hlth▲	2½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	443	+4	...	3.0	15.7
96	73	Sentry Farm▲	83	...	...	3.4	8.4
122	71	Sims Food	89 †	...	...	10.5	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	442	-1	...	3.6	11.0
254	200½	Tesco	246½	...	...	3.9	12.8
198	162	Thorntons	183	...	...	2.6	...
238	145	Trean▲	214	+5	...	2.4	17.3
434½	346	Unigate	393	-1	...	5.6	10.8
388	302	Utd Biscuits	341	-3	...	5.6	14.5
21	8	Usborne	8	-½	...	5.2	5.9
422	279	Watson & Phil	356	...	...	5.1	14.4
49	34	West Trust	38	...	...	8.8	25.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abrdn Stk H▲	34	...	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	76	-2½	...	2.9	16.7
285	209½	Forte	241	+2	...	3.9	37.5
207	169	Friendly Hotels	185 †	...	...	3.9	32.2
169½	142½	Jarys Hotel	146	...	...	4.8	∞
217½	153	Ladbroke	173	+1	...	4.3	25.5
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	88½	+½	...	3.7	22.8
31	18½	Ryan Hotels E	27	...	...	4.8	15.4
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	953	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	87½	-½	...	1.7	31.5

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	36	AAF Inds	43	...	...	...	...
544	413	AAH	432 †	...	...	5.3	15.0
185	119	AIM	136 †	...	...	4.1	30.3
138	108	APV	113	...	...	6.0	...
220	157	ASW	214	...	...	3.5	...
202	158	Adwest	185	+1½	...	4.9	19.9
20½	14	Aerospace Eng	17	...	...	5.5	...
312	221	Airsprung	231	...	...	2.6	∞
230	192	Alexdra W	220	...	...	3.2	23.4
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
338	283	Alumasc	320	...	...	2.4	17.8
73	39	Alvis	56 †	...	...	2.2	38.9
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.3	15.8
65½	43½	Amberley Gp▲	57 ↓	...	...	2.2	∞
81	45	Anagen	49	...	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	53	+6	...	...	...
363	199½	Antofagasta	308	...	...	1.4	24.9
62	48	Armour	51	...	...	4.1	11.9
175	168	Ash & Lacy	168	...	...	4.8	20.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	54.0
639	474	Avon Rubber	620	...	...	3.3	26.0
297½	249	Assoc Nursg	251 ↓	...	...	1.0	∞
553	490	Atlas Equip	533	...	...	5.2	18.5
95	66	Ayrshire Metal	96 †	...	1.5	2.0	...
236	180	BBA	200	-1	...	4.7	...
163	115	BLP Group▲	159	...	...	0.8	43.6
49½	24½	BM Gp	43½	...	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	733	-8	...	4.0	30.9
86½	60½	BSG	71	...	...	3.6	44.4
578	485	BSS Group	544	-2	...	4.1	22.7
401	344	BTR	377	-7	...	4.1	19.6
176	138	BWI	151	...	...	5.5	19.1
40½	26½	Babcock	33½	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
220	216	Baird (Wm)	234	...	...	4.8	18.6
568½	368½	Barlow	468½	+15½	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	79	...	...	2.6	21.6
29½	17	Bearing Power	19	...	...	4.9	12.1
95	23	Beauford	27	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)▲	31	...	...	...	...
18½	12	Benson Group	14½	...	...	2.6	11.0
393	243	Bespak	285 †	+1	...	4.5	∞
91	49	Bibby (J)	54	...	...	4.6	...
226	143	Billam (J)	145	...	...	4.6	9.0
38	26	Bilston Batters▲	38	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Bimec Ind	6½ #	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	270 †	...	...	2.7	∞
44	30	Black Arrow	43	...	...	7.9	∞
283	233	Black (Peter)	281	...	3.8	1.7	22.0
215	135½	Bluebird Toys▲	223	+8	...	2.2	9.4
339	262	Bodycote	306	...	...	3.1	21.7
40	31	Bogod 'A'	33 †	...	...	2.7	∞
69	43	Booth Inds	67	...	...	...	...
29½	17	Boustead	21 †	...	...	3.7	∞
524	400	Bowater	466	+1	...	3.4	17.5
1809½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1681½	-6½	...	...	...
297	252	Bozmore Intl▲	274	...	...	1.8	17.5
20	15	Boxway	17 †	-½	...	3.9	∞
355	288	Brammer	355	...	...	4.6	23.1
31	18	Bridgend Gp	18	...	...	1.4	∞
168	120	Bridon	168	...	...	3.0	...
95	74	Bridport-Gndry	95	+1	...	3.0	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	50½	+½	...	8.6	9.7
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	190	...	...	5.3	16.0
124	81	Br Bloodstock▲	81	-1	...	...	72.2
515	433	Br Polythene	454	+4	...	3.2	15.9
164½	121½	Br Steel	155	-4½	...	1.6	57.4
176	93	Br Thornton	93 †	...	...	8.1	∞
309	233	Br Vita	274	...	...	3.4	23.0
180½	136½	Britton Grp	152 ↓	...	...	2.1	22.4
952	773½	Broken Hill	938	...	...	2.1	40.3
135	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	96 †	...	...	3.9	12.2
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	51	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	163 †	...	...	4.6	26.8
16	8	Business Tech▲	9½	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	15	...	...	4.2	61.2
54	31	Campbell & Arm	36	+2	...	...	...
39	26	Cannon St	32½	...	...	...	12.4
488	398	Cantab Pharms	400	+2	...	...	...
278	254	Cape	262	...	...	5.2	16.6
455	278	Caradon	297	-5	...	3.7	22.3
215½	139½	-do- pf	147	-1½	7.2	6.2	...
293	251	Carclo Eng	252 †	...	...	4.5	16.5
10	6	Case UK	6	...	...	...	...
2446½	1890½	Casmud Mtl	2118½	+6½	...	2.3	16.1
104	80	Cassidy Bros▲	88 †	+2	...	3.9	11.3
155	110	Castings	155 ↓	...	...	2.1	∞
66	32½	Cathay Intl	34	...	...	...	...
233	191	Celtech	205	...	...	...	...
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
779½	636½	Charter	752	+9	...	3.7	21.4
360	273	Chemring	289	...	...	4.0	15.2
62	46	Chieftain Gp▲	56 †	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Int	183	...	...	1.4	32.3
80	60	Clayhithe	66 †	...	...	5.0	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	510	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	242	...	...	3.8	13.8
263	202	Concentric	202	-½	...	3.7	16.8
310	240	Cook (Wm)	280 †	...	...	3.3	13.5
285	227	Cookson	261	-4	...	3.0	28.1
110	81	Copymore▲	105	...	...	4.8	14.9
167	146	Crnwll Pkr 'A'	148	...	...	4.8	20.0
157	109	Cosalt	143 †	...	...	3.5	...
285	210	Creighton Nt▲	213 †	...	...	4.5	∞
44	31	CremaCare	35	...	...	2.7	...
2062½	18½	Dana	1812½	+12½	...	...	...
388	305	Danka Bs Sys	312	-2	...	0.6	26.6
298	220	David Brown	248	+1	...	3.2	17.5
1021	825	De La Rue	951 †	+5	...	2.6	20.2
155	133	Denby Group	154	...	...	2.5	15.0
52	35	Dinkie Heel	35	...	...	5.0	9.1
628	460½	Diploma	480	...	...	3.3	19.2
97	70	Dobson Park	82	...	...	5.7	16.2
134	102	Dyson (J&J)	110 †	...	5.0	5.7	20.2
97	78	-do- 'A'	88 †	...	...	3.0	∞
16	13	EFG	15½	...	0.1	0.9	8.8
442	364	EIS	382	...	...	4.0	15.3
25	15	Elbief	19	...	...	...	...
53	41	Eleco	45	...	...	...	...
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3003½	+46½	...	1.7	54.3
91	69	Elliott (B)	85	...	...	1.5	13.0
447½	321	Eng China Cl	391	-1	...	5.2	22.8
146	96	Environmed	105	...	...	0.2	...
3682½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3462½	+162½	...	1.1	30.0
86	56	Eurocopy	65 †	...	...	3.5	19.1
114	60	Expamet	113	...	...	2.6	...
392	334½	Fairey Group	387	...	...	1.9	20.5
145	109	Fenner	138	...	...	0.4	...
140	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	39	Ferrum	39	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	55	...	...	6.2	8.1
157	113	Fisons	148	-1	...	3.6	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	40 ↓	...	...	11.3	...
288	263	Flogas	298	...	...	2.8	∞
51	38	Folkes Group nv	43	...	1.5	4.4	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95 †	...	...	4.8	16.6
284	220	Frost Group	243	...	...	2.5	25.7
88	77	GEI Int	84	...	...	2.2	23.6
660	510½	GKN	627	-6	...	4.1	36.2
70	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	109	...	...	5.2	29.5
191	136	Gestetner	146 ↓	...	...	2.1	...
66	49	Gieves	62	...	...	2.0	39.8
725	520	Glaxo	637	...	...	4.7	15.1
46	35½	Glenchewton	37	...	...	...	...
404	334	Glynwed	363	...	...	4.1	21.0
209	125	Goode Durrant	198 †	...	...	3.8	15.5
185	143	Grampian Hd	150	-1	...	4.4	60.2
598	487	Granada	519 †	+5	...	2.2	20.5
769	452	Great Sthrn▲	769	+4	...	2.3	25.3
85	71	Green (Ernst)▲	71	...	...	12.3	13.0
15½	11½	Greenacre	11½	...	...	3.5	16.1
85	61	Haden MacLn	80	...	...	3.2	20.4
122	90	Hadleigh	116 †	...	...	2.2	∞
76	59	Halkin Hldgs	69	...	...	...	53.9
330	149	Hall Eng	178	...	...	6.7	10.2
356	204	Halma	222 †	...	...	1.3	26.1
72	47	Hampson Ind	72 †	...	...	3.5	∞
302	233½	Hanson	256½	-4½	...	5.9	22.7
161	122	Harris (Philip)	156	...	...	5.5	19.3
220	152	Harrisn Crsfld	190	+1	...	6.0	21.2
180	121	Havelock Euro	179	+1	...	1.4	21.2
48	30	Hay (Norman)	33	-1	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	36	...	...	2.4	...
511	307	Hepworth	324	-9	...	5.7	16.9
205	154	Hewitt (J)	155	...	...	2.6	...
75	52	High-Point	54	...	0.5	1.2	...
184½	148	Hill & Smith	154 †	...	...	4.7	16.7
191	111	Holders Tech▲	119 †	...	...	6.3	12.9
63	39	Hopkinsons	60	...	...	2.7	...
216	176	Hornby▲	189	...	...	6.0	17.3
103	76	Howden	98	-1	...	3.2	∞
280	254	Hozelock	273	-2	...	2.7	19.4
285	188	Hunting	188	...	...	6.6	37.2
513	402	Huntleigh Tec▲	428	...	...	1.3	24.7
379	288	IMI	347	+6	...	3.6	29.5
138	110	ISA Intl	131	...	...	1.6	17.6
165	50	Intercare Gp▲	51 †	...	...	8.6	5.4
325	284	Isotron	293	...	4.4	1.9	16.5
710	409½	Jardine Math	549½	-6½	...	2.6	12.9
628	488	Johnson Matth	574	+4	...	2.5	22.9
51	37	Johnson & FB	44	...	...	1.0	...
294	149	Johnston	294	...	...	0.9	...
32	25	Jones Shipman	29	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	32	+2	...	3.9	31.8
191½	148½	Kalon	161½	...	...	3.4	16.2
301	230	Kelsey Ind	295	...	...	3.5	...
855	730	Kershaw (A)	845 †	...	...	4.1	38.9
226	197	Kleeneze	210	...	...	0.6	46.6
444	341	Laird	418	-3	...	3.2	19.7
170	145	Lilleshall	161 †	+1	...	3.6	16.9
229	205	Lincat▲	210	...	...	3.7	14.8
403	313	Linson Park	403	+3	...	4.7	∞
14	6½	Lionheart	7	...	...	5.4	15.9
20½	15	Locker (T) A	15½	...	...	1.6	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	97 †	-1	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	131 †	-1½	...	3.8	36.0
436	364	Low & Bonar	429	+1	...	3.0	17.0
49	41	ML Hldgs	45½	...	...	2.3	15.8
67	49	MS Intl	50 †	-1	...	6.2	30.2
70	45	MY Holdings	59	...	...	3.2	14.3
271	223	Macfarlane	247	+1	...	1.9	22.4
539	431	McKechnie	495	+2	...	3.7	23.7
127	100	McLeod Russel	118	...	...	6.5	18.4
104	70	Magnolia	73	...	...	0.2	...
163	129	Mang Bronze	154	...	...	2.8	17.4
29½	18½	Marling	26½	...	...	3.1	46.7
231	166	Mayborn▲	167	...	...	4.3	11.7
64	53	Mayflower	63	...	...	2.7	25.6
187	120	Medeva	127	-4	...	2.7	11.0
120	77½	Meggitt	85	+1	...	5.8	12.7
120	101	Metair	110	+4	...	4.1	18.2
128	99	Metrotect	100	...	...	4.3	∞
133	99	Mersec▲	131	...	...	1.9	18.2
124	83	Midstates	93	...	...	1.0	12.9
589	548	Molins	566	-1	...	3.4	11.4
408	326	Morgan Cble	354	-5	...	4.4	17.8
217	176	Morris Ashby▲	208 †	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	34 †	...	...	4.6	15.9
80	42	Nestor-BNA	50	+5	...	7.9	11.2
274	214	Nobo Gp	242 †	...	...	3.1	∞
212½	120	Norcros	128	...	...	6.8	22.9
35	29½	Novo Group	29½	...	...	4.7	9.5
64	48	OMI Intl	54½	...	...	4.0	∞
175	160	PCT▲	163	...	7.2	5.6	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems▲	83	...	...	5.8	27.4
46	31	Pascoe's	41	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	101	...	...	3.5	21.9
310	220	Photo-Me	255	...	4.7	2.3	15.3
208	162	Pilkington	196 †	-2	...	2.6	...
53	38	Plant & Gen	50	...	1.5	3.8	∞
148	82	Plantsbrook	148	+9	...	2.9	17.5
185	129	Polypipe	142	...	...	1.9	18.2
36	16	Porter Chadbrn	36	...	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	294	...	...	3.1	13.1
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	18½	...	...	5.5	10.0
77	56	RPS Group▲	60	...	...	5.0	12.4
108	82	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	402 †	-14½	...	3.9	25.8
59	13	Ransomes	59	+2½	...	...	...
723	551	Reckitt Colm	633	-7	...	3.5	15.8
95	70	Record	89	...	...	5.1	20.0
5½	3½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	246	...	...	2.8	44.5
308	268	Renishaw	292	+1	...	2.8	36.7
180	126	Renold	169	...	...	1.8	∞
539½	424	Reuters	508 †	+8	...	1.7	25.4
90	74	Rexmore	85	...	...	3.7	∞
194	138	Ricardo Group	159	...	...	4.6	18.6
73	55	Richard (Leics)	55	...	...	5.1	39.4
104½	82½	Richardson West	90	+3	...	4.6	17.9
164	118½	Ropner	144	+4	...	6.5	14.6
24	15	Ross Gp	15½	...	...	3.2	...
195	157	Rotork	171	...	...	3.3	17.2
190	137	Rubicon	140	...	...	4.2	∞
91	62	Russell (A)	89	...	...	2.5	31.7
42	34½	SEP Indl	39½	...	...	2.8	18.6
1459½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1128½	+15½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	219 †	...	...	3.4	18.7
210	168	Scholl	174	+4	...	4.6	14.1
291	242	Scotia	268	...	...	...	...
1378	1146	Securicor	1378 †	+28	...	0.3	34.1
1036	785	-do- 'A'	911 †	+20	...	0.4	22.6
892	606	Security Serv	721 †	+11	...	1.0	22.8
150½	89½	Senior Eng	137	...	...	3.1	22.2
353	291	Senn Health	353	...	...	2.3	18.0
180	138	Shiloh	148	...	...	3.0	9.8
358	266	Sidlaw	282	...	...	4.8	13.8
630	517	Siebe	600 †	-11	...	2.3	19.3
378	194	Silentnight	306	...	...	4.9	11.8
188	137	Sime Darby	188	+3	...	2.6	20.8
130½	75	Simon Eng	114	...	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	199	+3	...	4.4	16.1
70	35	Six Hundred	68	...	...	2.8	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	159½	+½	...	4.0	17.4
457½	357½	SmithKline	450 †	...	...	3.0	17.5
412	322	Smithkline Uts	403 †	-2	...	3.4	15.7
527½	429	Smiths Ind	487	-1	...	3.1	19.5
104	41	Slim Bus	48	...	...	9.7	7.5
243	155½	Spandex▲	243	+3	...	1.2	22.7
1130	420	Spear (JW)	1130	...	...	2.1	19.2
437	337	Spirax-Sarco	423	...	...	2.9	20.6
81½	45	Spring Ram	48½	-½	...	1.3	...
267	197	Staveley	225	...	...	4.7	66.8
251	197	Sterling Ind	251	+10	...	3.1	22.5
220	180	Suter	197 ‡	...	...	5.8	17.4
604	440½	Swire Pacfc 'A'	510½	-7	...	1.9	∞
77	48	Sykes-Pick	75	...	...	4.4	38.3
178	149	Syltone	158 †	...	...	3.9	17.5
455	351	TI	375 †	-5	...	3.8	20.7
44	31	TLS Range▲	40	...	...	1.6	44.3
359	330	TT Group	366	-1½	...	2.2	∞
292	192	Takare	224	...	2.0	1.2	19.4
852½	656	Takeda Chem	802	-17½	...	0.8	14.6
102	92	Tinsley (E)▲	102 †	...	...	6.9	∞
220	199	Titon▲	199	-1	...	2.7	16.9
293	212	Tomkins	237 †	-2	...	3.9	15.3
134	74½	Trafalgar H	90	-4	...	1.4	...
105	63	Transfer Tech	70	-2	...	5.9	7.5
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	144 †	...	...	6.1	∞
318	262	UniChem	307	...	...	2.6	17.2
440	242	Unidare	265	...	...	4.0	14.4
54	33	Unigroup	45	+½	...	...	...
1267	958	Unilever	1120	-10	25.0	2.8	16.1
6118½	6406½	Unilever (NV)	7393½	-34½	...	3.0	14.7
18½	12	Utd Inds	16	...	...	...	...
1093	876	VSEL	883	-5	...	4.8	8.3
31½	14½	Verson	17½	-½	...	...	...
204	166	Vickers	199	-1	...	1.9	24.9
327	264	Victaulic	274	...	...	3.6	15.1
522	451	Vinten	488	...	...	2.0	15.9
805	661	Vosper Thorny	740	...	...	3.0	16.0
65	37	WSP Hldgs	63	...	...	3.6	46.4
522	451	Wagon Ind	510 †	...	...	4.4	∞
230	60	Wakebourne	81	...	...	...	...
114	97	Walker Greenbk	103	...	3.3	4.0	∞
314½	249½	Wassall	303	...	...	1.4	27.0
62	44	Watford Wdgwd	60	...	...	...	46.7
365	254	Weir	313	...	...	2.6	18.1
731	498	Wellcome	704 †	-15	...	3.1	16.0
230	200	Wellington Hdg	200	...	...	3.2	19.3
39½	28	Wellman	30 ↓	...	...	2.9	63.7
400	294	West Flthcare	356	...	...	1.6	∞
548	455	Whatman	480	...	...	2.7	17.0
264	108	Whessoe	137	...	...	7.5	10.5
174	93	Whitecroft	123	+1	...	2.0	19.4
13½	10	Widney	11	+½	...	...	...
414½	329	Williams Hldg	360	-7	...	4.4	19.4
55	39½	Wilshaw	53	-1	...	1.4	21.6
975	708	Wolseley	818	-15	...	2.2	19.9
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.7
67	40	Wyko	66	...	...	1.0	∞
96	70	Young (H)	83	...	...	5.0	...

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1300	+6½	...	5.1	...
2043½	1693½	Am Gen	1833½	...	...	4.1	...
86	50½	Archer	52 †	...	...	2.4	...
165	89	Bradstock	96 †	...	...	7.2	11.0
550	370	Britannic	413	...	...	4.0	...
117	90	CLM Insce	93 †	...	1.4	1.9	...
711	488	Com Union	544 †	+8	...	4.7	15.5
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1663	...	...	1.8	22.0
64	33	FAI	41	-1	...	1.2	...
194	144	Fenchurch Grp	154	...	...	5.8	13.8
757	533	Gen Accident	570	+9	...	6.2	9.0
247	161	GRE	190	+5	...	5.0	2.6
457	286	Heath C E	295	...	...	6.8	...
323	239	Independent Ins	254	-4	...	4.1	7.2
203	128½	JIB Group	150	+1	...	6.2	13.6
547	407	Legal & Gen	452	...	...	5.6	15.2
1390½	975	Liberty Life	1390½	+9½	...	7.6	5.2
119	93	LIMIT	94 †	...	...	1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	363 †	+2	...	6.4	11.0
310	166	Lloyd Thomp	166	-1	7.1	5.3	10.3
178	159	Lombard Ins	178	...	...	5.4	10.3
443	313	Londn & Man	325	...	...	6.0	16.2
472	380	Lowndes Lmb	389 †	...	...	4.8	12.3
5893½	5337½	Marsh McLn	5512½	-75	...	3.4	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	154	...	...	4.5	15.4
129½	109	Oriel	111 ‡	...	...	5.6	∞
83	38	PWS	45	+1	...	8.3	...
385	271	Prudential	317	+2	...	5.2	15.1
404	251	Refuge	282	...	...	5.0	20.8
350	232½	Royal	290	+12	...	3.9	7.2
222	157	Sedgwick	173	+2	...	4.4	19.1
155	105	Steel Burrill	116	...	...	9.7	...
82	54	Sturge Hldgs	59 †	...	...	6.4	71.0
418	285	Sun Alliance	321	+3	...	5.7	14.6
96	51	Trade Indemnty	60	...	...	1.9	13.3
464	343	Transatlantic	374	...	...	4.1	33.3
673	468	Utd Friendly	543	+3	...	3.8	27.9
245	133	Willis Corroon	153	-1	...	5.4	13.5
28	20	Windsor	20	-½	...	...	15.7



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479	401	Anglo & O'seas	440 †	-2	...	2.0	...
161	123	BZW Conv	148	+½	7.8	6.6	...
219	173	Bankers	196½	+½	...	2.4	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	345 †	...	...	2.4	...
248	198	Berry Starq	224	+3	2.2	1.2	∞
129½	91½	Br Assets	100	-1½	...	5.4	...
98	80	Br Empire Sec	95½	-1	...	1.2	...
46	31	-do- Wnts	41	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	213	...	...	2.8	...
272	221	Brunner	250 †	-1	...	2.7	...
223	194	Contl Asset	205	...	...	1.8	...
173	147	Derby Inc	165 †	...	...	11.9	...
328	268	-do- Cap	320	...	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	83	...	...	12.7	...
111	84	-do- Eng Intl	98	...	...	1.0	...
156	128	-do- Far East	155	...	...	0.5	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	672	...	...	4.9	...
108	85	-do- Japan	100½	...	...	...	...
80	45	-do- Warrants	57	...	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	317	...	...	3.5	...
827	725	-do- Wwde	807	+6	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	321	...	...	3.4	...
354	286	Electra Inv	329	-1	...	2.7	...
220	185	Electric Gen	203 †	-1	...	2.0	∞
127	106	English Scot	121	+1	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	323 †	-1	...	1.8	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	155	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	311 †	+½	...	0.4	...
145	75½	Fleming Chinese	90	...	...	...	...
92	42	-do- Warrants	51	...	...	...	...
267	196	-do- Claver	216 †	-3	...	3.2	...
385	305	-do- Contl	350	-1	...	0.8	...
264	190	-do- Entp	213	...	...	2.9	∞
459	327	-do- F East	374	-1	1.5	0.5	...
422	359½	-do- Fledg	375 †	...	...	1.0	...
120	89	-do- Hi Inc	102	...	...	5.4	...
281½	223	-do- Japan	279	-1	...	0.2	...
347	289½	-do- Merc	299 †	-1	...	2.8	...
347½	280½	-do- O'seas	312½	+½	4.2	1.7	...
159½	126½	Foreign & Col	145½	-½	...	1.5	...
148	106½	-do- Emg Mkts	135	-3	0.2	0.2	...
77	64½	-do- Enterprise	72½	...	...	1.0	...
261	216	-do- Eurotst	246	+1	...	0.6	...
145	116	-do- German	136	...	...	0.5	...
374	307	-do- Pacific	343	...	...	0.8	...
192	159½	-do- Smaller	181	-½	...	1.4	∞
303	247	GT Japan	274	-2	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	188	...	...	...	...
119½	105	-do- Inc	110 †	...	...	9.9	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	146	...	...	...	...
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	125½	+½	...	0.2	∞
96½	80	-do- Global Smlr	85½	...	...	...	...
112	83	-do- High Inc	91	...	...	7.0	...
428	349	-do- Oriental	405	+1	...	0.3	...
346	239	Govett Strategic	263	-2	...	3.2	...
475	410	Greenfriar	424 †	-1	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	97	...	...	...	...
99	92	Inv Biotech	96	...	...	...	...
50	30	-do- Warrants	45	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	138 †	...	...	4.7	...
119	94	IAS UK Smlr	109	...	...	3.2	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	151½	+1½	...	...	...
243	196½	Kleinwort Chn	230 †	...	...	2.9	...
88½	75½	-do- Euro Prvt	81	+½	...	...	...
49	29½	-do- Euro Wrts	31½	+1	...	...	...
272½	232½	-do- O'seas	250	-1	...	1.7	...
165	134	-do- Smlr	138	+1	...	3.2	...
826	672	Law Debenture	761 †	...	...	3.2	...
227	190	Majedie	209	...	...	3.0	...
324	237	Merchants	278 †	-1	...	5.0	...
89	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	88½	...	...	...	...
45	28½	-do- Warrants	35½	+½	...	...	...
125	98	-do- World Mng	103	-4	...	...	...
52½	35	-do- World Wts	37	-1	...	...	...
2987½	2250	Merrill Lynch	2412½	-50	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	553	-2	...	1.6	...
158	127	Morg Gren Inc	143	...	...	3.9	...
64	43	-do- Warrants	53	...	...	...	...
100½	87	-do- Latin Amer	100	+1	...	...	...
60	39	-do- Warrants	50	+3	...	...	...
148	114	Murray Ent	126 ↓	...	...	2.0	...
58	34	-do- Warrants	39	...	...	...	...
68	54	Murray Euro	61½	...	...	0.6	...
23½	16	-do- Wts	17½	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Income	360	...	11.3	3.9	...
394	319	-do- Intl	355 †	...	...	4.1	...
548	424	-do- Small	485 †	+2	...	1.1	∞
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	89 †	...	...	14.9	...
174	135	-do- S/C Cap	148	-1	...	...	...
3400	2975	-do- S/C Uts	3050 †	...	...	4.3	...
162	153	-do- S/C DP	162	...	...	...	...
383	324	-do- Vent	330	+2	...	4.1	...
95	61	Nestrog Inc	84	+2	...	9.3	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	370	-2	...	1.0	...
341	179	-do- Warrants	209	-2	...	...	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	535	-1	...	0.3	...
542	335	-do- Warrants	434	-2½	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8050	...	195	3.1	∞
180	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	183	...	...	1.0	...
127	113	River & Merc	113 †	...	...	10.2	...
449	413	Robeco	425	...	...	3.0	...
463	415	Rolinco	427	...	...	1.8	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	318 †	...	...	3.1	...
183	150½	Scot American	168	-½	...	3.6	...
368	238	Scot Asian	284	+4	...	...	...
1070	663	-do- Warrants	793	+28	...	...	...
97½	77	-do- Eastern	86½	-½	...	2.3	...
262½	209½	Scottish	229	-1	...	2.7	∞
264½	208	-do- Mtge	239	-1	...	2.1	...
133½	111½	-do- Value	118½	...	...	2.1	...
1795	1520	Second Allnce	1662	-1	...	3.0	...
106	77½	Sects Tst of Scot	89	-½	...	4.6	...
170	148	Selective Asset	160	...	...	1.1	...
51½	41	Sphere Inv	46½	...	...	9.1	...
205	149	TR Far East	170 †	-2	...	3.8	...
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	152 †	...	...	4.0	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	117½	-½	...	0.2	...
43½	34	TR Property	35 ↓	...	...	3.2	...
152	113	TR Tech Inv	131 †	+1	...	1.7	...
228	183	TR Smlr Cos	210 †	-1	...	2.3	∞
412	310	Temple Bar	362 †	-2	...	4.7	...
135	102	Thrgtn Asian E	114	+1	...	0.5	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	81½	-½	...	3.5	...
568	468	Throg Dual Cp	548	...	...	...	...
269	233	USDC Invest	257	...	...	2.2	...
129	109½	Value Inc Tst	121	-½	...	4.1	...
257½	205	Witan	235 †	-1	...	3.1	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	450	-2	...	2.5	15.6
46½	19	Ald Leis	24	...	...	15.6	7.8
177	155	Alpha Airpts	165	...	...	3.1	∞
131	85	Baldwin	115	...	...	3.8	15.1
333	282	Barr & W 'A'	282	...	...	4.4	12.4
340	231	Boosey Hwks	340	...	...	1.8	20.5
205	133	Border TV▲	189 †	...	...	2.6	∞
7½	3½	Brent Walker	4	...	...	...	...
148	100	Bristol Scotts	140	-10	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	2½	...	...	...	...
74	41	Campari	44	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	395	+1	...	2.0	34.8
1047	520	Carlton Comm	882 †	-1	...	2.8	19.5
356	248	Castle Comm▲	355	...	...	3.2	22.4
210	114	Chrysalis	210	+4	3.2	1.9	...
374	305	Compass Gp	341	...	...	2.5	20.1
280	232	Eurocamp	283 †	+1	9.0	4.4	11.7
233	118	Euro Disney	126	-4	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
435	308	Fairline Boats	425	...	...	3.5	29.6
350	262	First Leisure	287	...	...	2.9	18.9
478	309	Flextech▲	406	-1	...	...	...
1033	675	GWR Gp▲	903 †	...	...	1.5	32.7
303	228	Grampian	292	+5	...	3.2	15.6
22	15	Greenwich Comm▲	16	...	...	...	...
162	106	HTV Group	159	+1	...	0.8	43.9
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	77	+1	...	4.5	11.3
19½	11½	Kunick	13½	...	...	...	...
244	200	London Clubs	242	...	...	6.2	12.3
702	539	Man Utd	664	...	...	3.8	26.8
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
57	34	Northern	52	...	...	2.4	10.0
130	81	Owners Abrd	106	+2	...	4.2	...
93	65½	The Pelican Gp	93 †	+1	...	1.5	∞
183	135	Prism Leisure▲	135 †	-3	...	3.9	∞
43	28	Quadrant Grp	29	+1	...	...	...
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	275 †	...	...	2.0	41.4
628	395	Scott Radio▲	620	...	...	2.1	24.2
574	355	Scot TV	421	...	...	3.7	23.1
40½	24	SelecTV▲	26	...	...	...	...
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	333 †	...	...	2.0	∞
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
110	75	Tottenhm Hot	107	-2	...	2.3	40.9
182	85	Trans World▲	179	...	...	0.9	65.3
760	518	Ulster TV	605	+2	...	3.1	22.7
150	129	VCI	148	...	...	4.6	13.2
149	112	Vardon	128	...	...	1.1	22.7
375	150	Yorkshire TV	344	+2	...	...	...
129	110	Zetters Gp	126 †	...	...	8.4	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3737½	-46½	...	1.9	34.7
2687½	1762½	Ang Am Coal	2687½	...	...	3.4	14.6
6534½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	6534½	+112½	...	3.7	19.1
36	27	Anglo Pac Res▲	29	...	...	...	...
1512½	1262½	Ashanti	1262½	-21½	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	287	-1	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	158½	+5½	...	...	...
37	22½	Bracken	22½	...	...	4.0	62.6
898	580½	Buffels	647 †	+13½	...	8.5	∞
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
912	745½	CRA	932	...	...	2.3	28.8
55½	36	Cluff Res	48½	-½	...	...	...
110	28½	Coal Inv	110	...	...	...	...
1750	1616½	De Beers	1606½	-18½	...	3.3	16.7
148	68	Deelkraal	97	-½	...	3.7	∞
74	30½	Doornfontein	61½	...	...	...	...
982½	665½	Driefontein	982½	+24	...	4.4	∞
928	549½	Durban	695½	-3	...	...	...
178½	107	E Rand Gold	154	-4	...	11.7	5.7
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	70½	-½	...	...	...
449	300½	Elandsrand	420½	-2	...	3.9	9.6
1239	741½	FS Cons	990½	-44½	...	7.1	10.0
62	27	FS Dev	52	...	...	...	...
1900	1193½	GFSA	1831½	+12½	...	2.1	∞
185½	108½	Gencor	184½	+2½	...	3.3	30.0
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	57½	-½	...	2.5	21.1
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	152 †	-7½	...	5.9	∞
416	319½	Harmony	378½	+1½	...	...	...
430	268½	Hartebst	320½	-1½	...	9.0	∞
1446½	831½	Impala Plat	1403½	-9½	...	1.8	∞
16½	9½	Kenmare Res▲	11	-½	...	...	...
1315½	890½	Kinross	953½	-3½	...	5.1	∞
926	568½	Kloof	926	+36½	...	3.5	∞
137	69½	Leslie	102½	-½	...	8.0	∞
333	176½	Loraine	268½	-1½	...	...	...
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	1.8	∞
162	118	MIM	145	...	...	1.7	60.5
1612½	1227	Minorco	1612½	+6½	...	2.4	19.3
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	172	...	...	3.1	25.1
899	790	RTZ	864	-14	...	3.0	24.6
375	187½	Rand Mines	375	...	...	2.8	14.2
801½	547½	Randfontein	687½	+5	...	4.7	∞
295	207	Renison	236	-1	...	...	...
1531½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1440½	-6½	...	2.1	∞
756	539½	St Helena	663½	+5½	...	4.0	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1803½	+9½	...	4.9	20.6
135½	73	Stilfontein	121½	-½	...	22.3	∞
160	90	Unisel	128 †	-½	...	3.5	∞
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	7500½	+168½	...	4.5	9.4
934½	508½	Western Areas	897½	-8	...	8.1	∞
3362½	2050	Western Deep	2750 †	+12½	...	3.8	9.4
398	300½	Wstrn Mining	358 †	...	...	1.5	...
1225	603½	Winkels	687½	-3½	...	5.3	∞
66	50	Zambia Copper	57	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	53	...	...	9.5	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	283	...	...	...	...
129	108	Airflow Stream	129	+4	3.0	2.9	19.4
175	130	Appleyard	130	...	...	5.3	22.9
405	305	Bletchley Mtr	305	...	...	4.0	12.3
253	180	Bostrom	253	+13	...	3.0	23.9
584	390	Br Aerospace	501	-7	...	2.1	44.0
57	42	Burndene	42 †	...	...	6.0	12.2
465	280	Caffyns	338	+10	...	4.3	22.8
22	13½	Caverdale	17½	+½	...	1.1	17.5
130	98	Central Mtr▲	103	...	...	4.3	25.3
51	32½	Cook (DC)▲	43	...	...	3.0	∞
348	249	Cowie	250 †	+1	...	4.1	12.2
192½	127	Dag Motors	154	...	...	5.1	17.7
158	113	Davnpt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	305	...	...	0.8	...
234	220	Eurodollar	220	...	...	4.8	17.2
173	118	European Mtr	125 ↓	...	...	4.2	13.1
539½	399	Evans Halshaw	441	...	...	4.1	13.7
310	235	FR Group	298	...	...	3.2	16.3
2359½	1806½	Ford Motor	1987½	-6½	...	...	...
4387½	3175	General Mtr	3325 †	+12½	...	1.6	...
90	60	Gowrings	75	...	...	3.3	...
342½	266½	Henlys	292	...	...	3.2	20.1
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1125½	+5½	...	0.4	...
58	35	Jacks (Wm)	51	...	...	...	17.7
184	149	Kwik-Fit	150	+1	...	3.2	17.2
573	392	Lex Service	400 †	+8	...	4.2	15.3
282	162	Lookers	238 †	...	...	3.6	14.8
239	158	Lucas	197	-1	...	4.4	...
29½	25	Malaya Grp	25	...	...	1.3	...
310	256	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.5	18.3
238	175	Perry Gp	200	...	...	4.4	11.0
218	156	Quicks Group	172	...	...	3.6	18.1
204	161	Rolls-Royce	199	-2	...	3.1	35.1
261	203	T & N	247	+8	...	5.5	28.2
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	333	+2	...	2.3	24.1
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	184 †	+1	...	3.1	∞

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
356	198	Adscene	297	...	5.7	2.4	30.4
335	320	Black (A&C)	325	...	...	5.2	13.8
402	228	Blenheim Gp	243	...	...	5.3	9.1
413	365	Bristol	373	...	...	4.1	25.8
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1337½	-12½	...	1.4	31.3
1484½	869½	Daily Mail 'A'	1009½	+9½	...	1.9	23.6
314	260	Dorling Kind	310	-2	...	1.3	28.1
6712½	5381½	Elsevier	6343½	-6½	...	3.1	20.1
476	366½	EMAP	420	...	...	2.6	25.7
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1843	-2	...	2.7	32.4
194	32	Harrington K	34 †	...	...	9.9	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	440	...	...	2.0	24.8
408	340	Hodder H'line	353	...	...	1.8	57.5
180	120	Home Counts	147	...	...	3.8	36.0
218	161	Intl Bus Comm	209	...	...	1.2	13.8
15	8	Int Cm & Data▲	9½	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	308	...	...	3.1	10.5
669	551	Johnston Press	586	+2	7.0	1.5	21.5
110	43	MAID	61	...	...	...	...
492	338	Metal Bulletn	483	...	...	2.9	24.9
177½	152	Midland Ind	161	...	...	2.2	22.0
205	123	Mirror Gp	138	+5	...	...	5.4
514½	382½	News Corp	429	...	...	0.3	...
314	220	News Intl	254	+10	...	0.7	15.6
735	570	Pearson	634	-11	...	2.6	22.7
760	670	Portsmth Sund	685	...	...	1.9	∞
964	734	Reed Int	813	+2	...	3.0	24.4
249	187	Southnews	224	...	...	1.6	39.4
200	143	Sterling Pub▲	150	...	...	3.1	12.6
622	323	Telegraph	381	+20	...	4.3	13.9
885	695	Thomson Corp	695	-20	30.1	5.5	34.4
472	394	Trinity Intl	403	...	...	3.0	19.9
45	18½	Unit Group▲	37	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Nwspapers	535	+17	...	5.1	14.6

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
38½	24½	Aran Energy	36	...	...	...	21.8
53	35	Arcon Intl▲	46	...	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	69½	-2½	...	...	...
67	43	Aviva Pet	43	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½ #	...	...	...	64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	221	...	...	4.0	11.4
358	253	British Gas	295	+3	...	6.1	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	408 †	-3	...	2.8	22.4
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½ #	...	...	...	...
895	811	Burmah Castrl	890	+7	...	3.9	18.5
84	56	Cairn Energy	80	...	...	...	44.1
375	261	Calor Gp	286	-3	...	5.5	14.7
51	33	Clyde Pet	41½	+½	...	...	...
30	14½	Coplex Res	16½	+½	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs▲	21	...	...	...	22.7
486	379	Enterprise	400	+2	...	5.0	34.8
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.3
8½	4½	Fortune	6½	-½	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	73	...	...	2.4	19.2
46	31	Gt Western Res	45	...	...	...	...
177	141	Hardy O & G	142	+1	...	0.9	18.2
55	40	Kelt Energy	48 †	...	...	3.5	...
169	110½	LASMO	156	-1	...	0.8	...
73	53	-do- Units	54	...	9.4	20.0	...
9½	2	Mid Scot Res▲	2½	...	...	...	...
75	55	Monument	71	+1	...	...	58.2
7½	4½	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	46	...	...	...	...
50½	17½	Petrox	39½	-1½	...	...	...
168	153	Pict Pet	161½	-½	...	...	...
111	100	Plenecrest Rs	108	...	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	38½	...	...	...	15.5
158	118	Presidio	128	...	...	5.2	...
175	129	Ramco Egy▲	175	-5	...	0.4	...
463	325	Ranger	410	...	...	5.0	...
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	7087½	-18½	...	4.5	18.4
4084½	3481½	Schlumberger	3687½	-112½	...	2.1	...
65	50	Seafield	63	...	...	...	...
755	651	Shell	721	-3	...	4.2	21.9
187	128	Sunrise Eng Sv	129	...	...	...	...
19	9½	Villiers Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
252	178½	Woodside	229	...	...	1.7	...
110	28	XCL	74	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	145	AG Holdings	147	...	...	4.5	13.3
444	377	API	377	...	...	2.9	23.7
316	257	Arjo Wiggins	274	-2	...	3.0	42.1
730	540	Abbott Mead	683	...	...	1.9	36.4
31	17½	Aegis Gp	30½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Comm▲	170	...	4.9	3.6	∞
26	18	BBB Design▲	20	...	...	...	...
472	413	Bemrose	416	...	...	3.5	14.9
13½	7½	Birkdale	7½	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bunzl	166	-1	...	3.1	22.3
169	117½	CIA Gp	146	...	...	1.5	23.5
179	129	Capital Inds	174	...	...	...	13.7
36	33	Chime Comm	33	...	...	...	...
99	76	City of Lon▲	95	...	...	5.8	14.5
439	304	Cropper (James)	324	...	...	1.4	16.3
114	80	Delyn Group	80	...	...	2.6	14.5
137	104	Dolphin Pack	118	...	...	4.8	15.2
83	71	Dudley Jenkins▲	72 †	...	...	5.7	15.9
17	12	Elswick	16½	-½	...	2.5	17.9
101	75	Fairway Group▲	89	...	...	4.9	16.4
430	344	Ferguson Intl	344	-8	...	4.5	14.7
145	128	Ferry Pick	129	...	...	5.5	...
227	188	Filofax▲	200	-1	...	1.1	19.7
17½	8	Fitch	13	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons▲	137 †	...	...	5.0	∞
275	171	Gold Greenless	180	...	...	3.7	∞
34	23	Goodhead	28	...	...	0.2	∞
30	15	Hunterprint	16	-2	...	...	...
162	128	Intereurope	132	...	...	7.4	11.9
281½	248	Jarvis Porter	277½	...	...	2.3	19.9
37½	22	Lopex	31	...	...	1.0	35.0
431	344	More O'Ferrall	354	...	...	4.7	20.4
417	230	Osborne & Little	417	...	...	1.9	15.2
60	32	Osprey Comms	40	...	...	0.2	...
820	513	Portals	604	...	...	3.0	19.4
3	1½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
339	260	Quarto	262	+2	...	2.9	14.3
412	322	St Ives Gp	368	+1	...	2.0	25.8
178	127	Saatchi	170	-2	...	...	34.4
812½	464½	Sappi	800½	+3	...	12.9	4.8
30½	18	Serif	21½	...	...	...	...
57	20½	Shandwick	40½	...	...	1.2	7.0
573	398	Smith David	568 †	...	...	2.4	∞
414	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	399	...	...	1.3	56.8
119	92	Somic	92	-2	...	3.4	∞
254	210	Stat-Plus	217	...	...	5.1	20.6
34	25½	Taylor Nelson	34	...	...	1.7	28.4
161	118½	VTR	135	...	...	3.7	21.4
36½	25	WMGO	25½	...	...	2.5	∞
129	63½	WPP	117½	-1½	...	1.1	∞
264	182	Wace	250	...	...	1.8	24.3
291	209	Waddington (J)	219 ↓	-4	...	4.9	10.7
511	403	Watmough	423	...	...	2.0	26.8
44	29	Whitney Mck▲	39	...	...	...	...
132	98	Wyndeham	127	...	...	2.2	18.4

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	99	Allied Lon	114	...	...	4.0	15.3
48	36	Arcadian	40	...	...	...	...
268	253	Argent	268	...	...	...	...
10½	4	Ascot Hldgs	4½	...	...	...	...
144	109	Auda	119	...	...	2.3	21.1
191	113	Avonside	135	...	...	3.9	15.8
2575	2096½	BCE▲	2209½	-15½	...	...	...
382½	258	Bilton	258	...	...	4.7	18.8
108	72	Bourne End	93	...	...	1.3	...
276	200	Bradford	235	...	...	3.5	16.5
22½	10	Bredero	10	...	...	...	7.3
474	360	Br Land	413 †	...	...	2.3	39.9
137	121	Brightstone	121	...	...	3.9	27.4
276	179	Brixton	207	...	...	4.8	18.1
118	90½	Burford	103	-1	...	1.7	33.2
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl▲	157	...	...	1.2	61.9
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	214	-2	...	3.3	51.5
325	230	Cardiff Prop	303 †	...	...	1.0	67.8
185	152	Chelsfield	173	-1	...	1.7	42.7
678	534	Chesterfield	534	...	...	2.8	24.0
84	36	City Site Ests	66	-1	...	...	...
12½	8	Clarke Nickolls	9	...	...	...	18.8
360	285	Compco	310	...	...	5.5	∞
56	32	Conrad Rbles GS	40	...	...	...	...
1755	1458	Daejan	1510 †	...	...	2.4	17.6
25½	5	Dares Estates	11½	...	...	...	...
156	103	Debenhm Twsn	116 †	...	...	3.8	18.8
17	6	De Morgan	8½	...	...	...	...
189	161	Dencora	169	...	...	2.4	47.5
347½	263	Derwent Hldgs	266	...	...	2.1	23.7
41	22½	Development Sec	22½	...	...	...	...
51	45	Dwyer	50	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	415 †	...	...	3.2	50.1
47	18	Estates Gen	20	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	119 †	...	...	2.7	20.8
43½	27	Ex-Lands	31	...	...	1.4	...
80	68	Fiscal Prop	69	...	...	...	...
37	24	Five Oaks	26½	...	...	0.9	...
78	64	Fletcher King	64 †	...	...	2.9	∞
536	407	Frogmore	443	...	...	4.6	19.5
325	228	Grainger	275	-1	...	2.5	49.1
260	174	Gt Portland	201	...	...	5.0	38.3
22½	12½	Greycoat	15 †	...	...	...	...
269	149	HK Land	167½	-5	...	0.5	∞
94	43	Hambro Cnyw	56	...	...	1.7	56.9
435	329	Hammerson	344	...	...	3.6	34.5
390	298	Helical Bar	367	...	...	2.0	14.7
40½	29½	Heralngway	33½	+1	...	1.5	57.5
78	37	Herring Baker	51	...	...	3.7	...
315	138	Jermyn	170	-5	...	...	33.1
792	588	Land Sec	665	-3	...	4.6	18.6
122	89	Lon Merch Sec	94 †	...	...	5.6	13.8
16	9	Lon & Metro	10	...	...	...	0.5
562	409	MEPC	455	-3	...	5.5	26.2
13½	6½	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	185 †	...	...	3.5	∞
81	59	Merivale Mre	75	...	...	...	...
55	27	Moorfield Est	34	+3	...	3.7	...
1425	1200	Mountview	1225	...	...	2.3	12.2
196	154	Mucklow (A&J)	164	...	...	4.7	23.8
59	32	OEM	33	-1	...	...	...
64	37½	Olives Prop	39	...	...	...	14.6
191	148	PSIT	162 †	...	...	3.6	22.9
399	298	Peel	260	...	...	2.1	∞
12½	4½	Power Corp	5½	-½	...	...	...
9½	5	Premier Land	6	...	...	...	...
54	32½	Raglan	32½	...	...	...	11.9
40	27	Regalian	27½	+½	...	...	10.4
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	175	...	...	1.3	11.1
134	115	Rugby Est	115	...	...	2.4	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51 †	...	...	2.9	12.7
78	59	Saville Grdn (I)	63	...	...	5.5	∞
100	78	Savills	80 †	-1	...	3.5	∞
108	82	Scot Met	84	...	...	2.4	...
135	107	Shaftesbury	107	-1	...	...	...
17½	8	Shield	8½	...	...	...	4.5
307	221	Slough Estates	251	-3	...	4.0	41.2
103	63	Southend Prop	67 †	...	...	4.5	∞
50	23	Stanhope Prps▲	25	...	...	...	...
37	34	TBI	39	...	...	...	2.1
244	182	Tops Ests	192 †	...	...	1.4	45.8
163	119	Town Centre	119	...	...	3.7	21.3
107	91	Trafford Park	93	...	...	3.9	21.4
58	28	UK Land	43	...	...	...	...
317	231	Warner	243	...	...	5.9	23.0
260	218	Warnford	235	+4	...	4.2	19.0
7½	1½	Waterglade	3	...	...	...	...
105½	67	Wates	70	-1	...	...	...
105	70	Wood John D▲	80 †	...	...	3.1	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic▲	41	...	...	...	...
202½	148	Lambert	148	...	...	6.3	6.5
75	53	Pittards	70	...	...	1.8	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher▲	19	...	...	6.6	13.0
250	227	Stylo	239 †	+2	...	2.1	23.0
69	50½	UK Safety	52	...	...	6.2	10.9

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	488 †	...	...	3.4	15.0
71	54	Beckman (A)	54	...	...	8.3	11.6
39½	16	Bolton Gp	18 †	...	...	...	...
17½	5½	Brackenbridge▲	9½	...	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	190	...	...	5.6	25.8
385	292	Claremont Ga	313	...	...	3.2	16.5
593	451	Courtauld Tex	500	-2	...	3.5	19.8
159½	119	Dawson	152 ↓	...	...	2.5	...
42	31	Drummond	32	...	...	...	14.2
80	72	Faupel▲	74 †	...	...	8.3	12.5
29	24	Foster (John)	25	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	140	...	...	3.8	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	28	...	...	9.0	11.5
250	222	Hicking Pntcst	250	+1	...	2.3	17.7
73	55	Jerome (S)	62	...	...	1.0	31.4
485	388	Lamont	394	...	...	4.0	15.1
340	265	Leeds	285	...	...	2.6	14.5
101	68	Lyles (S)	84	...	...	4.1	...
266	190	Parkland	206	+1	...	3.0	12.3
112	80	Readicut	83½	...	...	5.1	14.3
70	47	SEET	47	...	...	...	...
146	100	Sirdar	108	...	...	6.3	7.5
64	50	Stirling Gp	62	...	...	3.9	∞
46	34	Stoddard	36	...	...	5.6	13.6
330	253	Tomkinsons	253	...	...	5.7	23.8
49	34	West Trust	38	...	...	8.8	25.0
289	239	Yorklyde	289	+8	...	2.6	14.0

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	425 †	-5	...	6.1	11.1
489	337	Rothmans	401 †	...	...	4.1	21.4

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	286	+1	...	2.0	27.3
541½	440	BAA	516 ↓	+6	...	2.2	22.0
128	103½	Badgerline	117	...	...	4.4	...
496½	367	Br Airways	409	-7	...	3.4	12.8
108	75	Clarkson (H)	87	...	...	2.5	21.9
592½	259	Eurotunnel Uts	307	-1	...	...	...
87	55	Fisher (James)	55	...	...	...	...
155	126½	IoM Steam	145	...	...	3.8	11.1
63	39	Jacobs (JI)	47	+2	...	4.4	...
111	92	Lon O'Seas Frts	93	...	...	5.2	21
534	380	Mersey Docks	434	...	...	2.6	21.9
338	245	Natl Express	327	...	...	2.9	20.3
291	179	NFC	205 †	-4½	...	4.3	31.5
348	246	Ocean Group	269	-5	...	6.7	13.3
91	58	Ocean Wilson	76	+4	...	5.3	9.7
743	597	P & O Dfd	705	+1	...	5.4	25.1
189	153	P & O 5 1/2%	188	...	...	3.7	...
705	549	Powell Duffryn	584	...	...	5.1	17.6
102	84	Seacon▲	86	...	...	3.4	19.3
306	158	Stagecoach	198	...	...	2.6	∞
129	85½	TNT	125	...	...	...	...
415	303	Tibbet & Britten	355	...	14.2	2.1	23.0
79	27	Tiphook	37	...	...	...	...
327	217	TDG	225	...	...	5.3	14.9
132	98	Ugland	121 †	...	...	0.8	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	101	...	...	...	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian Water	544 †	-6	...	5.2	14.1
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	296	...	...	4.9	10.0
751	508	Northumbrian	684 †	+12	...	4.4	7.4
611	454	North West	552 †	+2	...	5.2	8.2
645	457	Severn Trent	576 †	+15	...	4.9	8.1
682	466	Sthrn Water	590 †	+5	...	4.9	8.5
1673	1525	Sth Staffs	1673	...	...	3.9	11.1
675	484	South West	523 †	+2	...	6.1	7.7
611	434½	Thames Water	517 †	+9	...	5.4	8.9
744	540	Welsh Water	640 †	+1	...	4.9	7.1
759½	551	Wessex Water	652 †	+3	...	4.5	8.7
630	458	Yorkshire W	535 †	+4	...	5.3	8.1

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100½	Treas 9% 1994	100½	...	8.92	5.39
107	102½	Treas 12% 1995	102½	...	11.69	5.59
98	97½	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.05	5.39
107	103	Exch 10¼% 1995	103	...	9.91	6.40
113½	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	106	...	11.98	6.81
117	109	Treas 14% 1996	109	-⅛	12.81	7.02
121	112	Treas 15¼% 1996	112	-⅛	13.55	7.30
117	109	Exch 13¼% 1996	109	-⅛	12.10	7.36
112	104	Conv 10% 1996	104	-⅛	9.56	7.67
121	111	Treas 13¼% 1997	111½	-⅛	11.86	7.83
114	105	Exch 10½% 1997	105	-⅛	9.93	7.94
110	101½	Treas 8¾% 1997	101½ †	-⅛	8.61	8.14
131	118	Exch 15% 1997	118	-⅛	12.68	8.24
114	104	Exch 9¾% 1998	104	-⅛	9.37	8.36
106	96	Treas 7¼% 1998	96	-⅛	7.50	8.33
102	94	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95	-⅛	7.11	8.33
131	116	Treas 14% 1998-01	117	-⅛	11.95	8.56
140	124	Treas 15½% 1998	124½	-⅛	12.49	8.42
125	111½	Exch 12% 1998	111	-⅛	10.72	8.56
116	103	Treas 9½% 1999	103	-⅛	9.18	8.53

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	89	Treas 6% 1999	90½ †	-⅛	6.64	8.41
128	113	Exch 12¼% 1999	113½	-⅛	10.82	8.66
121	106	Treas 10½% 1999	107½	-⅛	9.80	8.62
121	105	Conv 10¼% 1999	106½	-⅛	9.64	8.70
116	101	Conv 9% 2000	101 †	-⅛	8.86	8.64
136	118	Treas 13% 2000	118	-⅛	10.94	8.82
105	90	Treas 7% 2001	91	-⅛	7.67	8.64
122	104	Treas 10% 2001	105 †	-⅛	9.46	8.83
123	103	Treas 9¾% 2002	105 †	-⅛	9.28	8.85
113	94	Treas 8% 2003	95	-⅛	8.39	8.75
127	105	Treas 10% 2003	106	-⅛	9.35	8.87
129	110	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112 †	-⅛	10.26	9.03
86	71	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	-⅛	4.84	7.83
108	85	Treas 6¾% 2004	87	-⅛	7.75	8.66
129	103	Conv 9½% 2004	104	-⅛	9.10	8.83
125	103	Conv 9½% 2005	104	-⅛	9.06	8.78
143	119	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120	-⅛	10.36	9.14
111	93	Treas 8% 2002-06	94	-1⅛	8.49	8.78
112	91	Treas 7¾% 2006	92	-⅛	8.34	8.70
136	113	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115	-⅛	10.21	9.13
119	96	Treas 8½% 2007	98	-⅛	8.63	8.69
151	125	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127	-1½	10.59	9.13
124	101	Treas 9% 2008	102	-⅛	8.78	8.67

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	93	Treas 8% 2009	94½	-1⅛	8.49	8.67
126	101	Conv 9% 2011	103	-⅛	8.73	8.63
127	101	Treas 9% 2012	103	-⅛	8.71	8.62
93	72	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73½ †	-1⅛	7.50	8.39
114	91	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	-1	8.37	8.55
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	94	-1⅛	8.47	8.58
159	127	Exch 12% 2013-17	129	-1⅛	9.26	8.78
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	102 †	-1⅛	8.58	8.54

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	40	-⅛	8.62	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	28	-⅛	8.72	...

INDEX-LINKED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	199 †	-⅛	2.38	3.71
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	-⅛	2.61	3.45
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165 †	-⅛	3.27	3.70
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	-⅛	3.39	3.75
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108	-⅛	3.39	3.72
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	168	-⅛	3.47	3.73
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152	-⅛	3.53	3.76
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157 †	-⅛	3.57	3.77
146	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	-⅛	3.59	3.78
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138	-⅛	3.62	3.80
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	-⅛	3.66	3.81
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110	-⅛	3.64	3.78
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109	-⅛	3.68	3.82

We're booming — almost

Recruitment opportunities to top jobs in high-technology are improving, but the slump is not over yet, says **David Guest**

Top-level job opportunities in high-technology industries are booming — but perversely, the openings for senior specialists in information technology are low.

These are the findings of the latest MSL Index, a quarterly review of executive and managerial vacancies monitored by industry sector and job function. The index has been running since 1959. It defines senior appointments as those commanding salaries of £25,000 and above, and it draws its figures from vacancies in the quality national daily newspapers and *The Economist*.

Across industry, recruitment at senior levels was running at a higher rate in the second quarter of this year than at any time since mid-1991. A year ago the index reached an all-time low, but the last quarter's figures are up 25 per cent. High-technology industry appears to be leading the improvement — 12 per cent up on the previous quarter and 89 per cent up on last year's equivalent period.

"Confidence has returned most markedly in the high-tech sector," says Ian Lloyd, managing director of MSL, an executive recruitment consultancy. "A lot of the increase is coming from the communications industry, there is a lot of interest in telecoms. It is particularly encouraging that opportunities in research and development, up 34 per cent on last year, are rising faster than any other functional category; investment in research and development is very much a sign of confidence in long-term business prospects."

Mr Lloyd acknowledges that some of the figures look better than they might simply because the previous quarter's or previous year's were so low. IT vacancies are still barely a third of the level reached in the late 1980s.

But by job function, senior vacancies in information technology were down 19 per cent on the first quarter and 12 per cent down on April-June 1993.

Among the other seven categories only general management vacancies show such a double slump in the index — production and accounting and finance are down on the previous quarter but higher than last year. The trend for all categories is upwards on both counts.

"Everyone is aware of the difficulties the big IT manufacturers are facing," Mr Lloyd says. "Digital Equipment has announced another substantial cutback and IBM has laid off tens of thousands of people around the world.

"At the same time, they are making less money from selling hardware and more from consultancy services. Therefore, there is probably a balance being achieved,

> ‘Investment in R and D is a sign of confidence’

losing people in manufacturing and hiring people in consultancy and services."

The crux of the matter for IT specialists is that these two groups are not necessarily the same people. The qualities prized in IT managers often have more to do with technical know-how than breadth of experience or vision and communications skills.

"I think there is a significant change going on in the IT profile," Mr Lloyd says. "IT is much more oriented towards users, and specialist IT departments are developing a broking role for the provision of specialist services. Also, as more companies outsource their IT, opportunities within companies using IT diminish."

Predicting the direction of a long-term career in IT is becoming more difficult. The impact of facilities management, Mr Lloyd says, will require a great deal of flexibility from people. "They won't always work in the same geographical location, or on a single organisation's site, or with the same hardware background to their skills base."

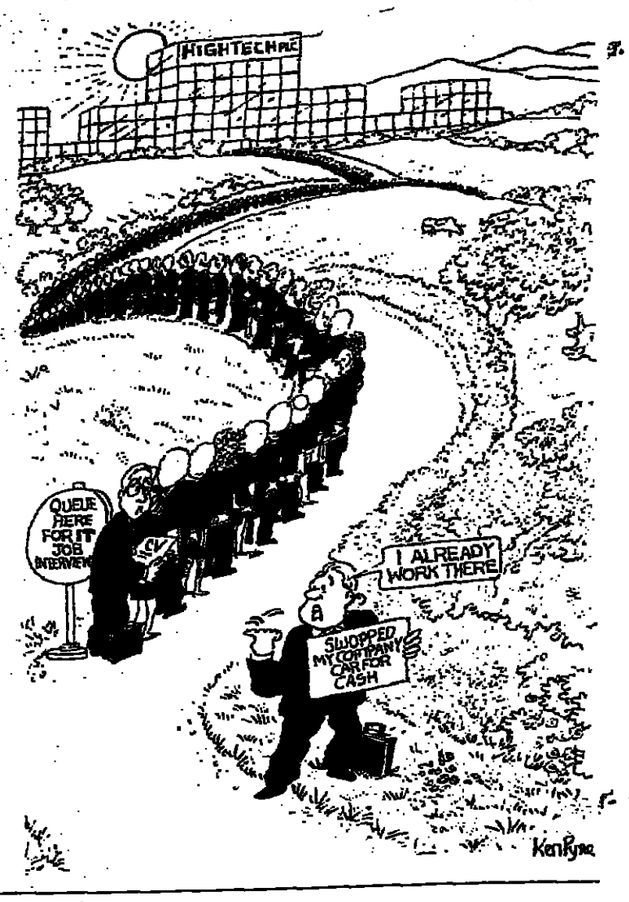
The changes reflected in the index are taking their toll on senior IT workers' sense of security. One manager in an organisation subject to waves of restructuring over recent years said: "It's like ten green bottles."

Mr Lloyd says: "The people left in those companies, particularly the major vendors, that have gone through restructuring and retrenchment are very uncertain about their long-term prospects. In some cases, with layers of management removed, the career paths for the survivors are blocked.

"We are currently recruiting for a senior IT job in the Middle East and we get hundreds of applicants, some with major IT companies. They are simply unsure of their futures."

The picture of difficult times for IT managers is completed by salary figures published by the Reward Group. The most recent survey, published in March, shows the median basic pay of a computing manager at £32,802, a rise of 1.6 per cent on last September's figure. But the median total remuneration, £33,630, was marginally down on September 1993.

The real figure may be even lower because of new tax regulations covering company cars. Vivienne Copeland, Reward's spokeswoman, reports that increasing numbers of companies across the economy are operating more flexible company car policies. "We estimate that about 15 per cent of companies are offering employees who qualify for company cars the option to downgrade their car or exchange their car for cash."



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INFOTECH

The modest CD will soon offer not just music but feature films to watch. **Barry Fox** reports

Big screen to little disc

This winter the Japanese electronics companies will launch a new kind of compact disc player. When plugged into a hi-fi system, it plays music CDs, just like an ordinary CD player. When plugged into a television set, it will play a new kind of CD, called a video CD, which holds over an hour of video with digital stereo soundtrack.

A feature film will need to be on two discs, but players can have an autochanger mechanism which keeps the break between discs down to a couple of seconds.

The electronics industry sees video CD as a chance to win back customers — after the commercial failure of the digital audio systems DAT, DCC and Mini Disc — while the video software industry sees video CD as the ideal new carrier for music and feature films.

Indecent Proposal, *The Krays* and *The Crying Game* are already available, with *A Fish Called Wanda*, *Naked Gun* and *Sliver* due in a few weeks. A series of James Bond films will follow and video shops expect *The Firm* and *Addams Family Values* to be released simultaneously on VHS tape and video CD this autumn.

Like audio CDs, video CDs need never wear out. The shop price, about £17 or £18, is halfway between the cost of film on video tape and 12in laser video discs. The 5in video CD will never touch laser disc for picture quality, but it can already match or better VHS tape. The digital stereo sound that accompanies the pictures comes very close to the sound quality of laser disc or an audio-only CD.

On the face of things, video CD looks like a winner. But in the electronics and entertainment business there is no such thing as guaranteed success — it seems hard to believe but audio CD was very nearly a failure when it was launched ten years ago.

Video CD grew out of the interactive CD-i games and education system developed by Philips. The first films on CDs, such as *Top Gun* released last winter, would only play on a CD-i player which had been fitted with a digital video adaptor. All the new video CDs will play back on a CD-i player, but thanks to the recently agreed "white book" standard they will now also play on any player that meets the specification.

In theory this means that video CDs will play on a multimedia personal computer when fitted with a CD-Rom drive and digital video decoder board. In practice most of the Rom drives already sold, and many of those still on sale, are physically incapable of playing back video CDs.

A new wave of video CD-compatible CD-Rom drives will not reach the shops until this winter. People who buy them, or multimedia PCs, now risk future disappointment when they try to upgrade their PC by adding a video decoder to play video CDs.

But the trick is simple. Insist on a CD-Rom drive or multimedia PC which is clearly specified as "video CD compatible" or "white book compatible".

If necessary, delay purchase until one is available. Do not be taken in by vague assurances that CD-Rom drives can be modified later. Accept only a firm promise in writing.

This confusion in the PC world may well help sales of stand-alone or dedicated video CD players when they reach the shops this winter. These players work on the plug-and-go principle. Plug into a television set, put in a disc and press the play button.



Carolyn Jones in *Addams Family Values*, which may be released on video CD this autumn

Plug-and-go video CD players are expected from Panasonic, Sony, JVC, Sanyo, Sharp, Kenwood, Hitachi and Aiwa. Prices are likely to be around twice that of an equivalent audio-only CD player.

Watching programming from a video CD can be addictive. At the start, the screen displays a menu of the chapters or film sequences on the disc. On a sports disc these can be action highlights, on a music disc the menu shows song titles, and on a comedy compilation — such as a *Best of John Belushi* video CD just out in America — the menu lists sketches.

As with a music CD, the player can be skipped between selected sections in a matter of seconds, with no time wasted on fast-winding the tape. At the end of the disc there is no need to rewind, either.

Sceptics say that with three out of every four homes in Britain now equipped with a video cassette recorder, public inertia will prevent a mass market swing to video CD. But the firms behind video CD already have some ideas for driving the new format into homes.

Philips has come up with a simple technical trick that will let record shops sell music CDs which double as either an audio disc or a video disc and thus play back on either type of player.

The penalty, however, is that overall playing time is halved, from a maximum of around 75 minutes to around 37 minutes each for the combined audio and video versions. But the system could be ideal for pop music singles. Customers may buy music CDs, unaware that they are video CDs, and then later buy a video player. But the artists will kill the idea stone dead if they ask for double royalties.

At a recent trade seminar, Ken Ishiwata, Marketing Manager for Marantz, the Japanese electronics company, says: "In the past, manufacturers have made money out of hardware. New products, like video CD, will not make money for hardware manufacturers. They will create opportunities for software companies."

Panasonic, to take one example, now owns Universal Studios. It would cost peanuts to bundle a free copy of *Jurassic Park* on video CD with its new players, just to hook customers on the idea of playing films from discs. The trade is watching and waiting.

Do you really need a server?

Geof Wheelwright looks at the heavy promotion aimed at small businesses

Is the personal computer user ready for a personal server — a computer storage device for individuals that can hold millions of pages of information?

Zenith and Compaq have introduced relatively low-cost PC servers, at £1,000 and £2,000 respectively, in the past six months and Zenith, in particular, has been positively evangelical in its promotion of the idea that some users, such as small businesses and departmental PC users want a personal server.

Zenith's idea is that a few people (up to 20) can share one of its small, "appliance-like" Z-Stor personal servers. They feature 400 megabyte hard discs, preloaded Novell networking software, lots of room for internal storage expansion, built-in network connections, and are capable of running without either a keyboard or display.

> In the war over prices, what about back-up?

Compaq has gone a slightly different route — offering a traditional-sized server usually aimed at larger businesses, but cheaper. The system is aimed at branch offices, small workgroups, departments within large organisations, as well as small to medium-size businesses.

The prime uses for such servers could be sharing files, communicating information to other locations or using business applications such as automated accounting, order entry, inventory and point-of-sale programs.

The question remains whether the average corporate user — or even small business — is buying servers purely based on price. Critics of this new strategy for selling server technology suggest that while some larger corporations will definitely buy on price, they often have enough in-house expertise to trouble-shoot network systems when they do go down and therefore do not really need personal servers.

In small departments or small businesses, the purchase of a server is really the purchase of a solution to problems — with all the service, consultancy, training and support which that implies.

In the past, server manufacturers have bolstered their high prices with liberal smatterings of service, support and back-up. If the Compaqs and Zeniths start selling cheap server systems with a low profit margin and on the basis of hardware price alone, the question is — what happens to all that support?

The very people who need support most are probably the branch offices, small workgroups and small to medium-size businesses the new devices are aimed at. If they have to sacrifice support to save themselves a couple of thousand pounds at the outset of their system installation, will there really be any savings at all — particularly if they run into problems at a crucial moment?

Compaq and Zenith insist that this is not an issue. Both have made a great fuss about the levels of service and support they offer on these products. Compaq, for example, offers a three-year on-site warranty and includes a number of "easy-install" features on its device that should make it easier for the novice user to set up. The so-called "goof-proof" design of the ZDS system should also help new users to get up and running.

Over the short term, these companies are probably right. They will no doubt sink enough resources into the support of both products to ensure that customers are kept happy.

But over the long haul, critics suggest the cost of supporting low-cost servers is not going to be cheap — and that this will inevitably be reflected either in cutbacks to the support or a move towards charging for it.

Exam-time for portables

Schools across the country have been testing mini computers, says **David Hewson**

As every mother and father knows, schoolchildren are costly beasts to maintain. From uniforms to running shoes, field trips to piano lessons, the financial overheads of parenthood provide an object lesson in how to achieve double-figure price inflation while simultaneously maintaining zero growth in the offspring gratitude index.

Technology has provided little comfort — the cost of a pocket calculator is, in real terms, a fraction of the price our parents once had to fork out for a circular slide-rule. But not for much longer. A new essential item is about to be added to the pre-term shopping list and the bill will land at the parents' door.

For the past two years, the National Council for Educational Training (NCET) has been working on a £2.55 million Government project to investigate the potential of portable computers in schools. The NCET bought more than 6,000 pieces of portable technology, from fancy calculators to palmtop computers and conventional commercial notebook PCs. It then handed them out to 250 schools in England to monitor what benefits, if any, they produced.

The council's final report will not be published until the autumn, but already it is beginning to stir interest. Producing hard-nosed academic research into technology and education is a famously difficult task.

No two research teams can even agree that computer technology has, to date, improved the way children learn. The study into portable technology is different. It will claim that schools can, in the right circumstances, save money and improve the quality of pupils' work by letting them use portables in the classroom, in the field and at home.

Brian Bowell, one of the two NCET field officers involved in the project, believes the proof contained in the project's case studies is unshakeable.

"We have got enough evidence to suggest that both the motivation and performance of pupils and the quality and presentation of their work are improved. You just can't ignore it. Portables are also good from a cost-efficiency point of view. They may cost you £100 more than a desktop PC but they can be used 24 hours a day in places where you just couldn't carry a desktop."



Testing, testing: pupils with the new Pocket Book II which has been sent to schools

> "The quality and presentation of pupils' work has improved — you just can't ignore it"

Next month Acorn, one of the biggest suppliers of computers to British schools, will launch a pocket-sized computer, the Pocket Book II, which it is recommending as the ideal technological companion for teachers and students.

The machine is based around the popular Psion 3a, which already has a capable word processor, spreadsheet and database. Acorn has added custom software designed for school work, including a timetable scheduler and a thesaurus. But pocket-sized does not mean pocket-money price. It will cost £200 and be advertised to tempt parents as much as teachers.

Acorn's education marketing manager, Roger Broadie, says: "One of the design principles was that it should be the sort of product that costs about the same as a kid's bike. The implication is that it is going to be bought by parents. It is impossible to see how the idea of a computer for each pupil could be funded out of education budgets."

The NCET report will not recommend any particular machine for portable use in schools. According to Mr Bowell, the needs of both pupils and teachers vary widely.

If all you need is a word processor, he says, you can now buy ten Amstrad notebook computers for the price of a single conventional portable PC. For running conventional PC applications and advanced scientific analysis, however, the power of a conventional portable may be essential.

Pupils have a habit of stretching the technology to its limits, however. One Acorn Note Book user came to school with a 6,000-word economics essay on the tiny machine.

How long will it be before schools accept that most homework will now be delivered electronically? Mr Bowell thinks it may happen sooner than many people expect as the tumbling prices of portable computers take them into the field of consumer electronics.

This may make for an interesting dilemma at the start of any new academic year. Faced with the choice of a notebook computer or a new mountain bike for the same money, how could any child say anything but "both"?

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0452 305 958				
Amlty Income	76.05	80.69	- 0.22	2.32
Income Builder Inc	68.46	72.83	+ 0.11	2.72
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL				
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	235.10	251.30	- 0.50	3.25
Capital	416.20	444.90	+ 0.10	1.74
Balanced	688.50	736.00	- 1.10	2.71
Accumulator	£12.49	£13.35	+ 3.00	2.94
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.71	51.00†	- 0.24	3.61
High Income	404.40	432.30	- 0.40	3.57
Equity Income	225.10	240.60†	- 0.40	3.56
High Yield	246.70	263.70†	- 0.20	3.58
Govt Securities	32.18	33.97	- 0.30	5.36
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	136.20	145.50	- 0.80	0.41
European Growth	35.99	38.54†	+ 0.06	0.08
International	168.10	179.90	- 0.40	0.22
Japan	242.10	258.30	- 1.10	0.01
Pacific	440.30	470.80	+ 1.60	0.02
Sects of America	402.70	428.70	- 1.20	0.44
Worldc Asset Val	50.76	54.26†	+ 0.02	0.18
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	521.50	557.80	- 1.30	2.33
Conv & Glt	44.58	47.65†	- 0.12	4.60
Smaller Cos	169.90	181.60†	- 0.10	1.24
2nd Smaller Cos	161.60	172.70	- 0.10	1.18
Recovery	140.60	150.30	- 0.30	1.74
Met Min & City	153.90	164.50	- 1.30	0.85
Oscars Earnings	355.40	379.90	- 1.20	1.93
Technology	156.80	167.60	- 0.80	0.01
UK Special Sits	457.50	489.00	+ 1.10	1.85
Europefd Inc	78.43	83.81†	- 0.49	0.52
Smaller Cos (ex-I)	81.23	86.42	+ 0.09	1.66
Growth	412.50	438.90†	+ 0.90	2.17
Income & Growth	403.00	428.80†	+ 1.60	3.79
Japan & Gen	83.07	88.38	- 0.06	...
Master Portfolio	£103.85	£107.88†	-25.00	1.89
Special Sits	96.03	102.16†	+ 1.28	2.17
High Yield	£13.19	£13.60	+ 9.00	4.20
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh				
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 861				
American Gwth Tst	35.47	37.93	- 0.39	0.30
Cash Income	50.32	50.32	....	4.89
European Gwth	40.50	43.14	- 0.12	....
Income & Gwth Inc	27.85	29.78	+ 0.07	4.12
Intnl Gwth	31.88	34.09	+ 0.01	0.15
Japan Gwth	30.78	32.91†	+ 0.10	....
Managed Tst Inc	48.76	52.14	- 0.11	1.20
Oriental Opps Inc	151.30	161.80†	+ 0.50	....
Property Shares	39.03	41.74	- 2.12	0.57
Smaller Cos	31.07	33.22	- 0.02	1.29
UK Growth Tst	25.91	27.71	+ 0.07	2.70
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	73.36	78.45	- 0.06	1.45
Cap Hse UK Inc	67.70	72.40	- 0.23	2.45
Exempt (£)	28.40	29.21		2.33
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	143.60	153.50†	+ 1.10	1.70
Foundation	93.69	100.20	+ 0.38	2.77
German	53.16	56.85	- 0.21	....
High Income	75.10	80.32	+ 0.32	5.55
Income	139.30	148.90	+ 2.60	2.99
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.20	108.20	....	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	....	1.07
Monthly Income	84.30	90.15	+ 0.41	3.95
North American	102.00	109.00	+ 0.60	....
Orient	....	....	....	....
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
1 Cornhill Avenue, London EC3R 7BH				
071 606 0700				
Cazenove Portfolio	81.65	87.13†	- 0.13	2.36
American Portfolio	86.86	92.57	- 0.74	1.06
European Portfolio	96.16	102.53	+ 0.26	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	75.67	80.52†	+ 0.09	....
Pacific Portfolio	143.91	156.92	+ 0.76	0.76
UK Inc & Growth	79.02	82.38	+ 0.13	3.51
Utility & Bond	95.12	55.77	+ 0.42	6.00
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	66.05	69.20	+ 0.30	2.89
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
151 Farringdon Rd. London EC1R 3AD				
071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	138.69	151.09†	....	....
UK Income	110.07	120.00†	....	5.000
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1				
071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	75.76	80.33	....	2.08
Beck Bio-Tech	26.05	29.09	+ 0.96	....
Accm Ethical Tst	155.42	163.60	....	1.29
City Fin Atlantic	71.58	76.15	....	1.04
City Fin America	82.71	87.06	....	....
City Fin Intl	78.14	82.25	....	0.48
City Fin Japan	183.87	193.55	....	....
Friars Hse Cap	266.00	280.07†	....	1.47
Friars Hse Inc	193.02	203.60	....	3.88
Buckley Wrld Gth	134.79	143.39	....	0.08
Fairmont Cap Gth	144.29	151.88	+ 1.27	....
-do- Inc & Gth	111.09	116.94	+ 0.98	1.54
Fairmont Int	160.82	166.28	+ 1.36	....
City Fin Pfio Inc	57.73	61.42	- 0.08	4.01
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0992 412 144				
Emerging Markets	56.87	60.34†	+ 0.22	....
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	52.73	56.40	- 0.23	....
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.29	39.88	- 0.01	0.29
Dragon Growth	73.37	78.47	+ 0.24	0.28
Equity High Inc	62.31	67.56	+ 0.28	3.72
European Gwth	50.21	53.42	- 0.21	0.77
Evergreen	29.71	31.78	+ 0.06	....
General Equity	62.67	67.71	+ 0.25	2.41
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.71	25.43	- 0.06	8.27
Japan Growth	57.92	61.95	+ 0.10	....
Pedigree Gwth	50.53	53.75	- 0.07	2.42
Ped Sm Cos Inc	31.48	33.49	+ 0.02	0.88
Retirement Inc	25.96	27.77	- 0.10	4.97
Special Sits	37.84	40.47	+ 0.04	1.69
UK & Overseas	48.42	51.51	+ 0.01	1.00
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY				
0634 895 000				
Capital	65.16	69.68†	+ 0.30	2.32
Income	58.81	62.89†	+ 0.21	3.93
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park,				
Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9855				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PFT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	160.98	171.15	+ 0.40	3.24
Fixed & Convertible	40.66	43.26†	+ 0.08	7.28
Monthly Inc Plus	48.15	51.22	+ 0.04	8.75
Preference Share	46.78	49.77†	+ 0.01	7.37
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	124.39	132.33†	+ 0.17	7.06
Managed Fund	67.36	71.66	- 0.20	2.48
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.65	43.29	- 0.10	1.57
UK & General	78.62	83.64	+ 0.43	2.29
UK Growth	149.53	149.52	+ 0.81	2.28
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	193.92	206.30	- 0.40	0.24
Far Eastern Gth	141.48	150.51	+ 0.15	....
Global Bond	78.62	83.60	+ 0.01	5.24
Japan Growth	138.55	145.27	+ 0.13	....
North Amer Gwth	154.54	164.40	- 0.57	....
Oriental Growth	81.19	86.37	+ 0.18	....
Worldwide Growth	65.00	69.21	- 0.11	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PFT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.65	92.65	+ 0.01	4.43
Homemaker Fund	77.24	82.17	+ 0.08	1.84
Quilter Fund	130.36	138.68†	+ 0.21	2.47
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lydiate Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN				
0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	57.62	61.29†	- 0.97	3.00
High Income	32.67	35.43	- 0.04	4.60
Japan	36.71	42.24	+ 0.01	....
Smaller Cos Inc	31.49	33.50	+ 0.06	2.30
Smaller Cos	33.04	35.14	+ 0.07	2.30
North American	32.52	34.59	- 0.09	0.40
European	37.48	39.87	- 0.17	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX				
071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	30.99	33.28†	+ 0.22	3.25
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 398				
Growth	143.10	152.30	....	1.85
Income	71.93	76.53†	- 0.18	4.95
European	61.05	64.95	- 0.08	0.59
Recovery	143.70	152.90	- 0.10	1.86
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	807.80	822.10†	....	3.78
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	70.72	72.53	+ 0.25	1.36
Income	234.60	249.60	+ 0.80	4.60
Smaller Cos	148.90	158.40	+ 0.20	0.85
Inv Portfolio	78.43	83.45	+ 0.28	1.43
High Income Port	68.46	72.82	+ 1.25	4.76
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS				
071 470 0777				
Euro Small Cos	£15.83	£16.73	+ 8.80	....
Japan Small Cos	£14.34	£14.80	+16.80	....
UK Small Cos	£17.94	£18.70	+14.40	....
US Small Cos	£15.75	£16.19	+ 2.30	....
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL				
071 377 0819				
Disc Inc	201.70	212.30	....	2.48
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	273.30	289.60	+ 0.70	0.96
New Asia	229.60	244.80	+ 0.10	....
Japan Growth	139.50	148.40	+ 0.50	....
Jap Smlr Co	590.30	627.30	+ 2.30	....
Nth America	245.10	259.90†	+ 0.60	0.91
Shlrd Asia Pac Ml	127.80	135.10	+ 0.10	0.33
UK Inc & Gwth	214.30	229.00	+ 0.70	3.20
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	138.60	147.40	+ 0.10	1.82
UK High Inc Inc	151.00	160.60	- 0.30	4.48
UK Fxd & F Lt Inc	54.66	59.03	- 0.40	5.31
Envtnmntl Opps	82.84	87.92	- 0.15	1.07
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
37 Hanoverfarker Terrace, Edinburgh				
0345 090 529				
American	118.90	125.70	- 0.60	0.99
Convertibles	21.75	23.11	- 0.03	7.14
Equity Income	127.40	135.40	+ 0.10	4.49
Euro Fund	46.04	48.76	- 0.14	....
Financial	47.00	49.94	- 0.12	1.80
Growth & Inc	230.70	245.10†	....	3.06
High Distr	156.00	165.80	- 0.30	4.57
International	407.00	434.30	- 0.30	0.17
Int Cap Inc	96.92	103.50†	- 0.30	2.51
Latin American	49.27	52.35†	+ 0.75	....
Pacific	87.97	93.47	+ 0.01	....
Preference Share	27.49	29.25†	+ 0.01	6.92
Tokyo	255.50	271.40	+ 0.20	....
UK Smaller Cos	228.70	243.00	+ 0.20	1.03
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL				
071 242 0282				
Elcon Trust	210.89	225.14	+ 0.01	1.02
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU				
071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	207.80	221.10	+ 2.10	0.50
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN				
0296 434 480				
European	80.17	84.39	- 0.16	2.62
Ethical Tst	46.37	48.81	+ 0.05	1.17
Far Eastern	322.76	339.75†	+ 0.49	1.47
High Income	134.13	141.19	- 0.14	4.44
Intl Growth	120.25	126.58	- 0.22	1.35
North American	109.27	112.92	- 1.15	1.00
Pelican	116.80	122.95	- 0.11	3.00
Smaller Cos	71.81	75.59	- 0.06	2.18
Special Sits	91.40	96.21	+ 0.07	2.35
Tst of Inv Tsts	189.52	199.49†	+ 0.15	1.49
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1				
071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	212.90	221.77	+ 0.53	1.18
Smaller Cos Acc	369.68	385.08	+ 0.93	1.18
Recovery	54.48	56.75	+ 0.36	1.15
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB				
0392 412 144				
Balanced	106.92	113.74	- 0.58	5.96
Capital Growth	85.11	91.27	+ 0.14	....
Fd of Inv Tsts	46.58	49.66†	+ 0.15	0.58
High Income	46.99	50.25†	+ 0.12	8.82
Wherrant	62.10	67.50	+ 0.60	....
Zero Preference	36.09	38.29	+ 0.08	....
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
96 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Assets Tst	76.71	81.81†	....	2.09
Family Income Tst	48.66	48.66†	- 0.15	5.74
Family Trust	88.46	94.10†	....	1.05
United Charities	262.70	279.50	....	2.80
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Sterling	100.00	100.00	....	4.30
Stabilizer Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.33	25.69	+ 0.16	2.82
-do- Europe	23.87	25.24	- 0.20	4.29
-do- America	22.38	23.58	- 0.10	....
-do- Act Japan	28.01	29.53	+ 0.08	....
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.30	26.57†	+ 0.06	8.28
Intl Bond	28.11	29.19†	+ 0.03	5.42
Income Funds				
High Income	25.74	27.09†	+ 0.04	5.39
Income Plus	115.40	122.80	+ 0.60	3.75
Amer Eq Inc	46.91	49.69†	- 0.39	1.12
European Income	43.26	45.70†	- 0.06	2.25
Far East Inc	64.19	68.37	+ 0.13	1.72
Global Convertible	23.40	24.97	- 0.03	2.54
UK Div Grth	23.31	24.79	- 0.14	1.47
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	66.90	71.40	+ 0.56	....
American	202.30	216.40†	- 0.10	....
Amer Spec Sits	106.60	113.80	+ 0.40	....
Japan Smaller Cos	47.90	51.10	+ 0.04	....
European	162.80	173.10	+ 0.40	....
European Opps	62.59	66.56	+ 0.07	....
Global Priv	24.05	25.53	+ 0.01	1.61
UK Growth	87.45	92.99†	+ 0.43	....
Growth & Inc	147.10	156.50	+ 0.40	2.70
Ind PEP	36.06	38.35	+ 0.12	....
Japan Spec Sits	108.40	115.60	+ 0.20	....
Japan	220.80	236.40†	+ 0.90	....
Managed Intl	277.60	296.10	+ 0.60	....
Moneybuilder	53.67	57.07†	+ 0.12	....
Recovery	47.38	50.38	+ 0.43	....
South E Asia	156.10	166.60	+ 0.30	....
Special Sits	520.80	553.80	+ 1.60	....
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	109.80	118.60†	- 0.10	2.39
UK Reverse Index	75.80	80.30†	- 0.16	3.84
Europe Index	98.71	103.30†	- 0.40	4.46
-do- Reverse Index	74.61	78.77†	- 1.06	6.63
America Index	98.79	103.90†	- 0.70	0.13
-do- Reverse Index	90.56	95.41†	- 0.14	0.26
Japan Index	141.40	148.92†	- 0.50	0.00
-do- Reverse Index	89.50	94.24†	- 0.62	0.76
Cash Accum Units	106.20	106.20	+ 0.01	4.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
20 Finsbury St. Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 614 2700				
Balanced	140.40	143.30	....	1.58
Inc Pfolio	87.55	89.20†	- 0.52	3.77
Cap Pfolio	148.90	149.70	+ 0.40	0.67
General Opps	123.90	126.00	....	3.13
Growth Inc	31.18	31.85	- 0.05	1.60
Private Portfolio	397.60	406.10†	....	1.45
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Admin. PO Box 2084, Brentwood, Essex				
CM15 0XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	113.60	120.10†	- 0.10	0.36
Energy Assets	180.50	195.10	- 0.10	....
High Income	21.99	23.39†	+ 0.07	9.75
Ocean Income	92.83	99.08	- 0.43	2.86
UK Growth	112.20	120.00	+ 0.40	1.42
UK Income	111.00	118.00	....	4.20
US Smaller Cos	284.10	303.80	- 1.20	....
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX				
071-407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	48.96	52.09	- 0.03	3.22
-do- Inv Tst Inc	79.09	84.07	- 0.29	4.52
Intl Growth	71.83	76.41	....	1.18
Investment Trust	93.88	99.87	- 0.30	0.14
UK Smaller Cos	78.90	83.94†	+ 0.25	1.28
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3TT				
071 374 4160				
American Growth	91.97	95.48	+ 0.08	....
(Accum Units)	97.47	99.48	+ 0.08	....
Amer Smlr Cos	446.00	476.90†	+ 2.30	....
(Accum Units)	455.70	487.30†	+ 2.50	....
Capital Tst	316.20	336.30	+ 0.50	1.44
(Accum Units)	447.30	475.80†	+ 0.80	1.44
Income Tst	154.30	165.20	+ 0.40	4.63
International	347.00	371.20	+ 1.20	0.19
Intl Income	80.30	85.24	+ 0.01	4.05
Japan & General	444.60	473.60	....	....
Korean Securities	72.85	77.92	+ 0.34	....
Smaller Cos Inv Inc	48.70	51.99	- 0.04	4.73
UK Capital (Inc)	171.80	183.80	+ 0.10	0.95
UK Spec Sits	90.06	96.32	+ 0.30	0.34
US & General	130.40	138.70	....	....
Worlde Spec Sits	156.70	167.40†	+ 0.10	....
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London				
EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 423				
Enquiries/Telephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	48.01	51.38†	+ 0.02	2.24
Cash Trust	134.23	134.23†	+ 0.03	4.17
Practical Inv Inc	117.59	125.80	+ 0.35	3.12
UK Index	148.10	150.67	+ 0.47	3.03
UK Smaller Cos	129.44	132.02	+ 1.45	0.96
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.53	26.24†	+ 0.03	9.18
Higher Income	27.08	28.97†	+ 0.03	8.82
UK Equity Income	135.66	145.09†	+ 0.78	3.88
Global Bond	27.89	28.90†	+ 0.12	4.96
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	92.68	99.40	+ 0.18	....
Global Inc & Gth	136.17	145.19	+ 0.03	1.61
Gold & Intl Res	116.19	124.27	+ 0.51	....
Global Utilities	135.55	144.97	+ 1.16	0.82
Overseas Funds				
American	138.24	144.77	- 0.37	0.90
European	96.89	102.79	+ 0.14	0.93
Euro Sel Opps	137.76	146.80†	- 0.02	....
Amer Emerging	91.37	97.72	+ 0.02	....
Hong Kong	151.61	161.81	+ 0.03	1.45
Japan	275.64	293.00†	+ 0.55	....
Pacific Growth	232.31	248.46	+ 0.46	1.16
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	215.19	215.19†	+ 0.66	1.84
Long Term Bal	111.56	111.56†	+ 0.38	2.27
Med Term Bal	104.41	104.41	- 0.04	3.14
UK Equity	240.17	240.17	- 0.95	2.39
UK Emerging Cos	140.85	140.85	+ 0.17	2.05
American	226.26	226.26	+ 0.06	1.31
Japan	145.60	145.60	- 0.21	....
European	259.00	259.00	- 0.26	0.80
Index Linked Gilt	161.98	161.98	- 0.72	3.09
Fixed Interest	148.29	148.29	- 2.15	6.94
Amer Emergncys	246.04	246.04	+ 0.51	....
Pacific	251.83	251.83†	+ 0.74	0.77
Emerging Mkts	176.89	176.89†	+ 0.03	0.30
Index Strat Japan	167.80	167.80†	....	0.20
-do- Pacific Rim	195.85	195.85†	....	0.99
-do- Cont Europe	148.73	148.73†	....	1.93
Index Strat USA	127.78	127.78†	....	2.23
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equ



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TOM KIDD

Sedately debating the artist's role in society: Mark Lewis, Andrew Wilde and Irina Brook in Robert David MacDonald's Edinburgh production of Goethe's *Torquato Tasso*

A frozen waste of Goethe

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** laments the lack of passion in an elegant new production of *Torquato Tasso* at the Royal Lyceum

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Seeing Robert David MacDonald's super-cool production of his own translation of Goethe's *Torquato Tasso*, I was incongruously reminded of an occasion when I flew from London to Detroit. As we approached Lapland the pilot switched off the in-flight movie, and kept it switched off until Lapland was safely behind us. We had, he said, to make our way to the windows and have a good, long stare at the austere beauty below.

Up to a point, he was absolutely right. I was as pleased with Lapland as I was with the stark white neoclassical colonnades of Julian McGowan's set and with the wonderful cleanness and clarity of Goethe's mind. I would always rather see *Torquato Tasso* than, say, *Terminator 2* or *Kindergarten Cops*. On the other hand, two and a half hours of Arctic Circle is rather a lot, especially when the pilot is Robert David MacDonald.

His translation is effortlessly elegant — but why, as director, did he choose to turn Renaissance Ferrara into a stately home circa 1920 or 1930? There is a key moment in the original play when Tasso, enraged by the bland contempt of the prince's chief minister, draws his sword and talks wildly of fighting a duel right there, in the ducal palace. Here, the tweed-jacketed poet yanks a sword-stick from a conveniently placed umbrella stand and ineptly waves it in the direction of what appears to be Neville Chamberlain. Not for the last time, a profane act and a dangerous moment dwindle into a bizarre lapse of protocol and politesse.

The dramatic temperature here is lower than it need be, but I must admit that it is not exactly baking in the original. The play is at root a quarrel between classicism and what, since the play was written in the 1780s, it seems safe to call the new spirit of romanticism. Goethe's Tasso considers himself a lonely genius, talks a lot of the importance of nature, and clearly believes in the primacy of individual emotion. To everyone else, his friends included, he is self-absorbed and self-indulgent. Secretary of state Antonio, in particular, talks of him in the way that Gladstone might have talked of Verlaine or Rimbaud: as a narcissistic boy and exhibitionist brat.

Henry Ian Cusick, rumpled and jumpy, and Mark Lewis, conscientiously funereal in his black frock-coat, bring a certain tension to the scene in which Tasso offers his friendship, only to be snubbed by Antonio. But throughout the first half there is a suspicion that MacDonald is tilting our sympathies too far away from the bureaucrat and towards the artist. Cusick is not erratic and boorish enough and Lewis too wintry and snooty. It is too big a jump when Tasso runs half-mad with paranoia in the second half and Antonio turns out to be a helpful if austere chap after all.

Though the modern costumes cause some emotional shrinkage, they are not altogether misconceived. The matters that concern Andrew Wilde's fastidious prince concern rulers and benefactors today. Has a writer a duty to be "useful", as Antonio says, and, if so, how? What are the State's claims on him and his claims on the State? Should a special tolerance be extended to the Brendan Behans and Dylan Thomases? Must Tasso and Antonio — as someone says, two parts of a whole man — always remain at loggerheads?

But even with a princess and countess (Kathy-Kiera Clarke, Irina Brook) exuding affection for Tasso, these ideas come to intellectual rather than dramatic life. All is sage debate and, in MacDonald's hands, sedate analysis. Oh, for a little less Lapland and a little more life.

Numbers he first thought of

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** is gripped by a day celebrating all the music associated with Beethoven's *Fidelio*

Edinburgh's *Fidelio* marathon on Wednesday was just the sort of thing that ought to happen at festivals but seldom does: a day devoted to Beethoven's opera, launched by an H.C. Robbins Landon lecture and a concert of related material (morning), proceeding with a concert performance of the first version of 1805, known for convenience's sake as *Leonore* (afternoon, all at the Usher Hall), and culminating with the final 1814 text in Tim Albery's colourful new Scottish Opera production at the Festival Theatre. It was an instructive, entertaining and inspiring way to spend 12 hours.

Robbins Landon was on good knockabout form, reminding us that the main reason Beethoven started and persisted with his opera was *that more money* was to be earned from it than from any other sort of music and, more controversially, redating Waterloo to 1814.

> 'Everything the composer later did to *Leonore* was plainly to the good'

Thereafter we heard all four overtures, three of them in their right context: *Leonore No 2* and *Fidelio* launching the operas they were composed for, and *Leonore No 3* as a concert piece — this towering tone poem to freedom would dwarf any opera it prefaced. In between that and *Leonore No 1*, written for a performance in Prague that never took place, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Chorus performed the early Cantata on the Death of Joseph II, notable both for Averdonk's richly bathetic text and the first appearance of the sublime tune that became "O Gott! O welch ein Augenblick" in the *Fidelio* finale. Nicely sung by Alwyn Mellor, it worked well in the cantata, less well in *Leonore*, where Beethoven allowed it to go on for far too long.

Therein lay the fascination of the day: everything the composer did to *Leonore* was plainly to the good. Virtually no number survived without nips and tucks, adjustment to instrumentation or the recasting of lines. Florestan's aria, "Abscheulicher!" and the second finale were virtually recomposed, and so was the first finale; in *Leonore*, Pizarro and his myrmidons psyching themselves up are — fearsome horn parts notwithstanding — no more frightening than the Pirates of Penzance. The balefully foreboding close in *Fidelio* is an improvement beyond comparison. Relaxation of censorship doubtless accounted for the inclusion of Fernando's repeated lines about the brotherhood of man, which are absent from *Leonore*.

But maybe not all the alterations were for the good. Two "domestic" numbers early on were cut in their entirety, a trio in which Rocco advises the youngsters about marriage, and a beautiful duet with violin and cello obbligato in which Marzelline and Fidelio *imagine their* future wedded bliss. Both add irony and context to an opera that is about marriage as well as individual heroism.

But, as Robbins Landon insisted, *Leonore* is too long: Beethoven chopped 30 minutes off the running time. As if to contradict him Charles Mackerras and the SCO gave a pretty brisk account of the 1805 score, with dramatic thrust making up for the occasional lightweight, melodramatic moment.

Paul Charles Clarke's vivid Jaquino made one regret that the character virtually disappears in this first version, Franz Hawlata's forthright Rocco served notice that his outstanding Ochs for WNO was no flash in the pan, Donald Maxwell glowered determinedly as Pizarro, and William Kendall dealt sensitively with this more lyrical version of Florestan.

Rebecca Evans couldn't quite disguise the fact that Marzelline is awkwardly written for a light soprano, and in the title role Janice Watson was sadly not in her best voice, knew it, and was obviously ill at ease. But this cast only the lightest of palls on a perfectly riveting day.

Nordic accent on authenticity

MUSIC: **Hilary Finch** introduces the orchestra which launches the Festival's Beethoven symphony cycle

In a smartly-converted sardine-canning factory lashed by the North Sea, the Stavanger Symphony Orchestra is finalising preparations for its first visit to Edinburgh where, this weekend, it will launch the Festival's cycle of Beethoven symphonies. Quite a coup, it might seem, for a young orchestra of only 65 young members, barely noticed on the international circuit a decade ago.

But things change fast in Norway. Steady years of stable income from government funding, the artistic harvest of the specialist music schools set up in the 1960s — and the person of Mariss Jansons — have certainly put Oslo on the musical map, and Bergen follows not far behind. Stavanger's orchestra — comfortably housed in a new, oil-rich cultural centre in the restored old town, already commissioning contemporary work, and already enticing foreign players with its generous provision of time and space — needed just one thing: a distinctive profile of its own.

The orchestra decided to appoint two artistic directors: Alexander Dimitriev to take care of the late Romantic repertoire; and Frans Brüggen, erstwhile recorder virtuoso and founder-director of the Orchestra of the 18th Century, to look after everything before Mendelssohn. Brüggen was hired in 1990 to "re-set" the orchestra stylistically. As his term of office draws to a close, he feels his job has been done: Edinburgh audiences will now be able to judge for themselves.

In rehearsal, Brüggen delights in taking the orchestra apart, and putting it together again as painlessly as possible. He talks a lot: he rehearses as if he were the leader of an outsize string quartet, scrutinising every detail of articulation, every nuance of expression.

The players may be baffled at times by his beat, but they seem to love his words. Brüggen, for his part, is still excited by the band's apparently insatiable desire to learn, "and to know *why*. They always want to get to the heart of the matter. And the fact that they are provincial gives them the determination, I think, to be still better than Oslo."

The SSO, unlike Brüggen's own orchestra, plays on modern instruments. So doesn't the idea of "period" performance, of stylistic simulation, create little more than a sense of musical virtual reality?

Brüggen argues that his is a linguistic approach. "And what early classical composers say is sometimes less important than what they *don't* say. They hardly speak about *diminuendo* — which means musicians of that time automatically tapered their phrases. And so on." And Brüggen's close chronological analysis of Beethoven's symphonies has uncovered revealing changes in the way the composer notated, creating the same effects more effectively in the later works.

Brüggen believes that for Beethoven still to disturb, as disturb he must, performance must be approached via Bach, Vivaldi and Haydn. "That way, an orchestra plays the Haydnesque part of Beethoven nonchalantly, easily — then suddenly experiences real difficulty. The new, experimental writing is truly tough for them. Our orchestra has had to grit its teeth, to crash and bash and be ugly."

In their second concert, the SSO will be tackling Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony. "It's not unfinished, of course, it's complete. Shortly before writing the symphony, Schubert's father died. He wrote a poem expressing his grief; and it has been shown that the poem can be laid over the score, and corresponds to its shape and proportions exactly. It's speculative of course, but I believe it."

Not content with the New Schubert Edition — a formidable job of restoration on Schubert's own carelessly notated scores and Brahms's well-meaning editions of them — Brüggen has gone back to the autograph, and made a discovery or two of his own. "A few decrescendo marks which I feel are really accents. And two wrong notes: I doubt if you'll hear them! They're in the horns."

● *The SSO's concerts of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert are at the Usher Hall at 8pm tomorrow and Sunday*



Bass instincts: the Stavanger Symphony has succeeded in forging a strong identity

PROMS 1994: New insights into two great works

Packed with inspiration

ORR/Gardiner
Albert Hall/Radio 3

The queues for this concert snaked round the block, and the hall was packed to the rafters with an audience eager to hear John Eliot Gardiner and his Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique bring period instruments and a refreshing approach to two great works, Mozart's C minor Mass and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

The performance of the Beethoven was given as a touching memorial to Jessica George, the nine-year-old violin-playing daughter of two of the ORR's players, who died from a brain tumour in May. Her parents played in the concert, an act signifying the very triumph of the human spirit which this piece ultimately represents. It can still amaze us, and duly did so here.

Gardiner dusted the Beethoven down, removing the accumulated impositions of many another conductor's ego, but avoided the trap into which others with the same intentions have tumbled, that of imposing a wilful bizarreness in its place. Even so, what he did, or what he allowed the music to do, sometimes startled the ear, though all was precisely executed enough to suggest careful rehearsal.

Unanimity in the notoriously difficult opening, for instance, was achieved with one brisk initial downward stroke of the arm. The tempos were on the fast side, so that an explosive, nervous energy appropriately took the place of grandiosity more usually found in this work, while many of the unfamiliar colours arose out of Gardiner's insistence that the woodwind instruments sound like themselves rather than blend into the texture. The bassoons particularly enjoyed that.

One passage in the slow movement, when the low strings' melody is heard with what is usually a deliberately restrained accompaniment figure above, illustrated Gardiner's rethinking of balance particularly vividly. Arguing that nothing in the score suggests reticence, Gardiner insists that the accompaniment matters as much as the tune. The judgment was spot on.

Elsewhere his rethinking was a matter of characterisation. Some woodwind passages in the same movement had a brisk martial ring to them, for instance, while at the end of the third movement, the strings' pizzicato and woodwinds' staccatos were breathtakingly quiet and short. In consequence, the contrast of the finale's glorious extended explosion achieved a new magnificence, an appropriate apotheosis of a thrilling reading that combined technical brilliance with a genuine sense of spontaneity.

The Mozart Mass was almost eclipsed in the memory by this, but in that work, too, there had been a new clarity and a marvellous sense of phrases lifting themselves off the ground. Not least this was due to the refined singing of the Monteverdi Choir and the ravishing sounds of the soprano and mezzo-soprano soloists, Sylvia McNair and Anne Sofie von Otter. Meanwhile, the brief contributions of Christophe Prégardien and Alastair Miles were enough to leave one tantalised with the thought of what they might have done with the tenor and bass numbers that Mozart would surely have written had he completed this work.

STEPHEN PETTITT



John Eliot Gardiner: drawing capacity crowds

LONDON

JULIAN JOSEPH. The exciting young British jazz pianist takes over the hall this weekend. Tomorrow he appears with Joanna Macgregor and the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra for new arrangements of some of his own work, plus Gershwin, Chick Corea and John Adams. On Sunday Joseph brings on his own trio and a big band. **Barbican** Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Evenings, 7.30

BBC HENRY WOOD PROMS Andrew Davis conducts an all-star tribute to Henry Wood tonight with a programme of Elgar, Schoenberg, Vaughan Williams and Beethoven. Special "composer nights" this weekend are devoted to Brahms on Saturday with European Community Youth Orchestra and Tchaikovsky on Sunday with violinist Joshua Bell and the BBC SO. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212) Tonight-Sun, 7.30pm

MURDERER, HOPE OF WOMEN. Concrete Theatre Company give the English premiere of the early (1907) Expressionist drama by the painter Oskar Kokoschka. Stylised movements, painted bodies, percussion, anguish. **Greenwich Studio**, Prince of Orange 198 High Street, SE10 (081-858 2682) Opens tonight, 8.30pm: Then Tue-Sun, 8.30pm. Until Sept 3

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW: The exquisite **Montserrat Caballé** gives an eclectic programme of favourite operatic arias tonight with the Scottish Opera Orchestra, José Collado conducts. Very limited ticket availability

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

Concert Hall, Buchanan Street (041-227 5511) Tonight, 7.30pm

BROMLEY Patricia Hodge takes on the title role in **The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie**. Edith Macarthur, David Yelland and Simon Scott join in for a brief tour before arriving in the West End in October. Alan Strachan directs. **Churchill**, High Street (081-460 6677) Mon-Sat 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Sept 3.

SALISBURY. A new autumn season opens with Anthony Shaffer's classic cat 'n' mouse detective drama, **Sleuth**, set in a Wiltshire manor house. Penny Cimkiewicz directs. **Playhouse** Malthouse Lane (0722 320333) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Sept 3.

EDINBURGH. Dance works are one of the weekend highlights for the **Edinburgh International Festival**. Miami City Ballet presents the second of two all-Balanchine programmes, the Mark Morris Dance Group gives just three performances of his masterpiece *L'Allegro (queue for returns)* and there is also an opportunity to discover one of Canada's foremost choreographers, Jean-Pierre Perrault.

On the **music** front, Frans Brüggen launches the series of Beethoven symphonies with the Stavanger Symphony Orchestra (see feature, page 31). Plus more Beethoven from the Borodin String Quartet, Messiaen's organ music, Brahms from the European Community Youth Orchestra and the thrilling young Russian soprano Galina Gorchakova in recital. If a sultry chanteuse style is more of what you are after, don't miss Ute Lemper on Sunday and Monday.

Theatre programmes continue as they have during this past week. Robert Lepage's *The Seven Streams of the River Ota* continues until Sunday and Goethe's searing study of 16th-century Italian politics, *Torquato Tasso*, finishes tomorrow. Robert David MacDonald translates and directs.

Box Office (031-226 4001)

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican Who's Looking at the Family? (071-638 4141). **British Museum:** New European Applied Arts Galleries: Jewellery of the Classical World (071-636 1555). **Courtauld:** French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings (071-873 2526) (071-403 0930)... **Hayward** Bonnard at Le Bosquet (071-928 8800)... **National Gallery** Friedrich to Hodler: A Romantic Tradition (071-389 1785). **National Portrait Gallery** Edwardian Women Photographers (071-306 0055). **Royal Academy** The Belgian Avant-Garde: 1880-1900 (071-439 7438). **Tate** Turner's Holland; Rb Kitaj (071-887 8000). **V & A:** Pugin: A Gothic Passion; the Ironwork and Glass Galleries (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ ***900 ONEONTA.*** *David Beard's terrific, vivid, filthy-tongued Gothic Southern drama — half for real, half spoof. From the new West End Producers' Alliance.* **Old Vic**, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm, mats *Thurs 3pm and Sat, 4pm*

◪ **THE PROVOKED HUSBAND** Marital disputes and country folk bemused by London the familiar material of a Restoration comedy. An in-house production for Vanbrugh. **New End**, New End, NW3 (071-794 3963) Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 4pm

☐ **ST JOAN** Imogen Stubbs as the soldier-saint in a production full of mental passion: Peter Jeffrey is superb as the Inquisitor. **Strand**, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800) *Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm*

☐ **THE SEAGULL** Judi Dench rules the roost, heading a splendid cast in Pam Gems's new version. Performances cast new light on several other characters. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm, mats Sat and Wed, 2pm.

☐ **THE TEMPEST** Alec McCowen presides as Prospero and Simon Russell Beale's baleful Ariel marshalls the magic in Sam Mendes's *striking* production from last year's Stratford. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) *Tonight, 7.15pm. Sat, 2pm and 7.15pm.*

☐ **THE WINSLOW BOY** Peter Barkworth, Simon Williams and Nyree Dawn Porter in Rattigan's ever-popular drama of a man's fight to prove his son's innocence when the Royal Naval College expels him for theft. **Globe**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Now previewing, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Opens Aug 24

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Arcadia** Haymarket (071-930 8800)... ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044). ◪ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). ☐ **The Canterbury Tales** Garrick (071-494 5040)... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072)... ☐ **Copacabana** Prince of Wales (071-839 5972)... ☐ **Crazy for You** Prince Edward (071-734 8951). ◪ **Dead Funny:** Vaudeville (071-836 9987)... ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070)... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe** Lyric (071-494 5045)... ■ **Grease** Dominion (071-416 6060)... ☐ **Honk!** Wyndham's. *Final week* (071-867 1116). ◪ **Hot Shoe Shuffle** Queens, final week (071-494 5040)... ☐ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404). ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909). ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400)... ☐ **The Mousetrap.** St Martin's (071-836 1443). ■ **The Phantom of the Opera** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400)... ☐ **She Loves Me.** Savoy (071-836 8888). ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665). ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**, Adelphi (071-344 0065). ☐ **The Woman in Black**, Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

HIGHWAY PATROLMAN (15) The disintegrating life of a Mexican patrolman. Absorbing, disciplined B-movieyarn from Alex Cox; with Roberto Sosa. **Metro** (071-437 0757)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG) Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons. Director, Charles Russell. **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** ◪ (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

PUBLIC ACCESS: Charismatic stranger preys secrets from a sleepy small town. Thin but intriguing American independent film from new director Bryan J Singer, with Ron Marquette. **NFT** (071-928 3232)

CURRENT

◆ **BABY'S DAY OUT** (PG) Wandering baby tries its kidnappers' patience. Stale, lazy comedy from the "Home Alone" stable, with Joe Mantegna and Lara Flynn Boyle. Patrick Read Johnson directs. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915674) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES** (PG) Silly, acceptable big-screen revival for TV's favourite hicks with Jim Varney, Lily Tomlin and Dietrich Bader. Director, Penelope Spheeris. **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **NORTH** (PG) Whimsical misfire from director Rob Reiner, with Elijah Wood as the child searching the globe for the perfect parents. **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **SIRENS** (15) Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, lubricious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS** (U) You are never too old to enjoy the world's first feature-length cartoon, in a sparkling restored print. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **TRUE LIES** (15) Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown summer fun with Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, James Cameron. **Empire** ◪ (0800 888911) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

WE DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT (PG) An ageing bachelor and a charming dwarf join forces in Maria Luisa Bemberg's magical Argentine fable. With Marcello Mastroianni. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

POP ON FRIDAY: Duck – the Mary Chain are back ... Earthling triphop

Twice upon a time for the brothers grim

Those fiends of feedback, the Jesus and Mary Chain, have returned with a fab new platter. And, yes, Jim Reid still isn't a happy bunny



The past few years have been a swings and roundabouts period for Jim (left) and William Reid, but now the Jesus and Mary Chain are back and blasting



CAITLIN MORAN

This is frightening. God, this is frightening. A room the size of a mouse's heart, crammed with 400 people all fighting for the same gasp of air. The place is pitch-dark, save for one corner of the room, which flickers with sea-green and electric blue lights.

The band was *supposed* to be on an hour ago. No one *expected* them to be, however. There is a faint, ominous sound of feedback, which gets louder and louder until finally two fantastically grim, dislocated men take to the stage.

Jim hangs off the microphone stand, all lanky and luscious. William wanders over to his guitar, looks at it for a minute, remembers that it's a musical instrument, straps it on, and starts pummelling it with his hands. The feedback gets louder. The crowd pushes nearer the stage. The bar is deserted. The Reid brothers are back with their Jesus and Mary Chain, and they're *still malignant* after all these years.

"I like our audiences, and presumably they like us," Jim says, "but I don't want to shake their hands and sweat all over them and tell them I love them very much, because I don't.

"We're not like those rock whores that you see reading sincerity off autocue; we don't pretend. We're just two scruffy guys, I'm just depressive, supposedly; he [William] just drinks, *supposedly*, and we play rock music. There's no act. If people want anything beyond the music, they can shove off."

Jim has three empty beer bottles lined up on the table in front of him, and is wincing slightly in the sunlight. We're in a sunny Irish pub. The Mary Chain's press officer lives above it, and it's been opened early especially for us. *Sunday afternoon is gradually lapsing* into dusk and darkness and street lights and creepy things, and Jim is beginning to get into a convivially argumentative mood.

The Mary Chain have always lived at the prickly end of rock's great pineapple — their debut single came out in 1984, one of the first releases on the fledgling Creation label, sold over 50,000 copies, and their first riot at a gig happened the same year.

"There was no scam or plan," Jim says, looking morosely into his empty beer bottle, then brightening as a full one arrives. "William and I didn't draw up a schedule of when all these press-friendly things should happen. The riot occurred because we were nervous about playing, got too drunk, and then things just got a bit out of control. We didn't leave the venue rubbing our hands and thinking, 'That'll get us in *Melody Maker*'. We were just thinking, um, well, where we could get some more beer from, probably."

He starts laughing. It's brilliant to listen to, because he even *laughs* in a Scottish accent. It's like listening to an intricate piece of machinery fall off a table. You find yourself trying to make him laugh some more, just so you can hear it again.

The Mary Chain continued to make headlines when their debut album, *Psychocandy*, turned out to be one of the greatest things on this earth, along with kittens and those little plastic ballerinas you can put on top of birthday cakes. One of the classic rock albums, *Psychocandy* is still influencing bands and winning fans.

Lee Hazlewood, who once sang "Did You Ever" with Nancy Sinatra, tried to visit the Mary Chain's dressing room on their American tour last year. There was such a big queue of people waiting to meet them he gave up and went home.

Ten years into their career (Jim: "It's not a career, it's just something we do") the Mary Chain still know how to grab front pages. Two years ago Jim was arrested in Canada for belting a member of the audience with his microphone stand, after said person had been heckling him all night.

"I don't condone violence; I'm not a violent man," Jim says. "It's just this guy was really getting on my nerves." *And their 1992 hit, "Reverence"* (one of the best singles ever) was banned by the BBC for its rather, um, *negative* lyrics.

But recently they've been picking up press for the oldest and best of reasons — their new album, *Stoned and Dethroned*, is a small and beautiful world of melody, growly vocals and strange guitar sounds; and the last Mary Chain single, "Sometimes Always", was simply fantastic — a briskly melancholic duet between Jim and Mazzy Star vocalist Hope Sandoval, who has recently started going out with William, which is presumably why William is not with us. "Aye, they're off round Ikea," Jim giggles.

So, Jim — I know you hate plans and schedules and anything preordained in rock music, but what would you like the future to hold for you? "I'd like to be happy," he says, suddenly becoming the more familiar brooding Jim. "Little things seem to make most people happy, but they don't affect me at all. I see people grinning at trees and all that stuff, and they seem to enjoy it all so much. I still find life basically depressing. I think it's because I'm so shy."

He thinks for a minute. "Still," he adds, "I have found that most happy people are really, really stupid; so I'm not that bothered."

● Stoned and Dethroned *is released by Blanco Y Negro*

NEW WAVES

Take us to your leader

There are few sonic experiences in life more pleasing to the spirit than the sound of a Fender Rhodes electric piano played through loudspeakers that were designed for a far less demanding purpose. Miles Davis encouraged this dirty noise in the bands he toured in the early 1970s. His raucous *Live at the Fillmore* album is the quintessential example. Now **Earthling** have revived the practice.

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... Shawn Colvin strikes another blow for the elderly ... as does Neil not-terribly-Young ... and Phil Lynott (in memoriam)

Every little thing she does is magic. Honest

Her name is Shawn Colvin, she's a great folksinger, and you could earn mega kudos by being the first on your block to become as big a fan as **Alan Jackson**

Instead of tossing her small bouquet into the crowd of friends and wellwishers after her wedding two years ago, Shawn Colvin kept it as a memento and later tacked it to a post beneath the eaves of her porch. Now it is pale and dry and a wren has nested in it. On the day that I drive across Los Angeles to see her, the tiny bird is sitting on a clutch of eggs, but flies off as I approach the front door.

"There's an arrangement between us," Colvin says. "I disturb her as little as possible and in return she puts up with me looking out through the window to check up on her." We close the door behind us. Quietly.

"Look." Colvin says. The wren reappears from out of sight and settles back on to her nest. Satisfied that all is well, Colvin goes off to the kitchen for soda and glasses. All is quiet outside on the street of wooden houses. This is Venice, California, a few blocks to the beach in one direction, a few more in another to those roads where late-afternoon traffic is backed up in a petrol haze. Inside the house, though, it is cool and calm, and only a guitar and piles of CDs hint that this is home to perhaps the most gifted new folksinger to emerge since the first days of Suzanne Vega and Tracy Chapman, almost a decade ago.

A slight, photogenic woman wearing paint-specked trousers and one of her husband's shirts, she says she is glad that it took a lengthy apprenticeship of singing in the bars and clubs of different American cities before she arrived at her current big-star-waiting-to-happen status.

She is in her late thirties, and knows she had a lot of growing up to do. "Ten years ago this would have been a problem for me," Colvin says. "I didn't have anything to offer other than my voice. Now I know the things I want to do and say."

The only downside is that 37 seems geriatric to the young achievers making decisions about what is featured on MTV or college radio or in the hipper magazines. "A dividing line definitely gets drawn somewhere to delineate what is termed 'alternative' music — much of it folk-rock — and what is not," she says.

"Now maybe it sounds like a complaint, and maybe I'm in denial of the fact that my music lacks the necessary edge, but it seems to me that age is the deciding factor. If you're under 30 you're 'alternative,' if you're over 30, you're not. And the fact of the matter is that I want to be an MTV artist and I want to be on those radio stations and in those magazines. And although people might say it's because of this or because of that that I'm not, what it too often feels like to me is that I'm the wrong age."

> "What it too often feels like to me is that I'm the wrong age"

That has not stopped her peers loving her. Colvin first emerged on the marketplace in 1990 with the album *Steady On* and found not only a ready audience for her airy, athletic voice and strongly narrative songs, but also massive support from within the recording world itself. In that year's Grammys — voted for by other artists and industry figures — Colvin carried off the trophy for Best Contemporary Folk Recording.

And this year the little-known song "I Don't Know Why", included on 1993's strong follow-up *Fat City*, found itself nominated alongside major hits by Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, Tina Turner and k.d. lang for Best Pop Vocal Performance, Female.

"Those last awards were a trip," says Colvin, who cheerfully admits to having voted for herself in the relevant category. "I completely bought into it — I got a new frock, not glittery but kind of hip-elegant, and really had a good time getting dressed up for it. And if you've got that far, you really get the treatment; when they announce the winner the camera is on all of the nominees, like at the Oscars. The Best Pop Vocal was the very first award, and of course it didn't take a genius to work out who was going to win it: the show had opened with Whitney singing 'I Will Always Love You', then Dolly Parton, who wrote the song, and David Foster, who produced it, came out to make the presentation. In fact the word Whitney summed up the whole evening. About the only categories she didn't win were Best Pop Vocal Performance, Male and Best Polka."

It was nice to be nominated, and fun to be there, but winning a second time would have been a significant boost to her career. And because she did not, "I Don't Know Why" remains largely undiscovered by the public, the sort of hit-in-hiding that was "I Will Always Love You" before Houston took it to the cleaners, or "Wind Beneath My Wings" and "From A Distance" before Bette Midler exploited their tearjerking potential.

Eventually someone, somewhere will sell a million records with "I Don't Know Why", but in the meantime Colvin has turned down the financial inducement of rewriting its lyric for use in a Yellow Pages commercial. "Of course I'm interested in making the kind of money that leaves you secure for life, but there are limits," she says.

Instead, she is hoping that a soon-to-be-released third album, *Cover Girl*, will push her over the edge from cult appeal to a wider consciousness. As its title suggests, it is based upon her choice of other people's songs. Some are by well-known writers such as Sting, Tom Waits, Jimmy Webb, David Byrne and Bob Dylan, others by the semi-forgotten or perennially unknown.

The performances (including live takes recorded at New York's Bottom Line) are uniformly excellent, sublime in the case of her duet with Mary-Chapin Carpenter on Greg Brown's "One Cool Remove" and move her even closer to what increasingly seems like inevitable stardom.

Colvin came to Britain some time after our meeting, to shake hands with all the right people and to perform "unplugged" versions of songs from the album at a private show for the media. Suntanned, relaxed, dressed in Vivienne Westwood, she seemed to shake people's perceptions of how a folksinger should be, and won particular applause for her new single, a lovely version of the old Police hit retitled "Every Little Thing He Does Is Magic".

There was the inevitable crush afterwards and no time to say hello, so I sent her a question via one of the party of record company personnel taking her out to dinner. "The wren successfully hatched four eggs," was her reply. "They were with me for a few weeks, then one day they all just flew away."

● *"Every Little Thing He Does Is Magic" is available on Sony from Monday. Cover Girl will be released on September 5*



There have been times when 37-year-old Shawn Colvin has been up against a brick wall of indifference

Old Young smells like teen spirit

NEW ALBUMS: Grizzle with sizzle from Canada's greatest export; plus disco delights and something impossible to classify

NEIL YOUNG
Sleeps With Angels
(Reprise 9362-45749-2)

LIKE any electric guitarist who ever plugged into a fuzzbox, Neil Young loves his first position E. E minor and A minor chords. But Young is not just an open-string distortion addict; for more than 25 years, give or take a substantial hiatus or two, he has been writing songs of simple, often tormented beauty that penetrate deep into the psyche. This was proven by Kurt Cobain's suicide note, which quoted Young's partially useful line: "It's better to burn out than to fade away."

Young has done neither, which is why he enjoys honourable exclusion from the anxiety and derision that critics usually project on to middle-aged rockers. Despite his name, Young has never traded in youth. His songs document the terrors of experience and awareness as well as their pleasures. As for high-octane fuzzbox music, the urge remains, despite being satisfied increasingly on recent albums by haunting intensity rather than by going all out to destroy the amplifiers with noise.

Listen to the opening of his song about Cobain and his wife Courtney Love, "Sleeps With Angels". The introductory bars could be a recording of the starting grid at a monster truck race. Setting a scene for the perfunctory lyrics of "Blue Eden", the guitar uncurls in serpentine menace before settling into the sort of post-blues jam seemingly custom-made for men suffering a midlife crisis in pubs.

Unlike most of his peers, Young can transcend routine material such as this, especially when supported by his old friends Crazy Horse, and find fresh ways to configure those limited but deadly guitar licks he wields with such force. Guitar punishment reached its apogee in 1991 with the delirious *Arc/Weld*. Another entire album would be too much for everybody, so bleak and delicate songs occupy most of *Sleeps With Angels*.

Young worries about the way the world is going, but refuses to slip into nostalgia. "Featuring 'Piece of Crap'" says the sticker on the CD box. This is a song neither bleak nor delicate: all of us can relate to its message, which is a short, sharp blast directed at consumer unendurables.

For the past five years, Young has revelled in a purple patch of prolific creativity. Although nothing here is new, and nothing rivals the romantic perfection of *Harvest Moon*, there are images that linger, emotions that disturb the equilibrium and chances taken that make a mockery of so much corporate rock.



Neil Young in blistering action at Finsbury Park last year, before Kurt Cobain quoted him in his suicide note

DEEE-LITE
Dewdrops in the Garden
(Elektra 559-61526-2)

THE zeitgeist is a concept that we no longer believe in, according to a leading article in this newspaper. This may be true of the big, wide world, but in popular music, zeitgeist is still a career builder. New York's Deee-Lite captured a moment in 1990 with *World Clique*, their flower-power, all nations, New Age, pop art, disco debut: the response was ecstatic. Shortly after that the entire planet went into a tailspin, and Deee-Lite's trippy, dippy, happy, clubby clothes clique turned instantly threadbare.

After ruinous live appearances and a mediocre second album, here they are again, looking as fresh as paint. Is this the new optimism? There is a possibility that decent Deee-Lite albums are accurate indicators of imminent global catastrophe, but at least vocalist Lady Kier and Super DJ Dimitry have realised that such silly names require a commitment to fun.

Accordingly, the songs explore new heights in cocktail lounge psychedelic disco. "Call Me" is built around the long-established New York syndrome of building relationships around answer machines, pagers, call-waiting and other telephonic services. Lots of big singalong choruses elsewhere, all of them underpinned by appealing growls, squirts and watery gurgles, ensure that the listener does not lose concentration and start surfing through cable television.

Lady Kier's guide to naming Deee-Lite's music concludes with "As Long As It Makes You Move Your Feet". Thankfully the stuff at the end of the body is engaged as well.

RONNY JORDAN MEETS D.J. KRUSH
Bad Brothers
(Island IMCD8024)

SOMEWHERE between the journalistic categories of acid jazz and triphop, here is another form of music which has no name. As reconstructed by the Japanese D.J. Krush, Ronny Jordan's somewhat wallpaperish jazz guitar is turned inside out. Jordan's accomplished but unchallenging albums have been fashionable easy-listening for the young jazz fan since his emergence in 1991 with the Top 30 single "So What?"

Processed through Krush's less reverent approach to mixing, they now exude an almost brutish power, thanks to some heavyweight beats, and the otherworldly atmospheres that Japanese jazz and hip-hop producers seem to love. "The Jackal", released as a single with footballer John Fashanu taking a role in the video, suspends a single jazz piano chord over an eerie background and then counterpoints the spoken poetry of Dana Bryant against a deeply funky break.

Improbable, perhaps, but it works in a way that is interesting to compare with the Maya Angelou reading of "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings" on Branford Marsalis's controversial *Buckshot Le Fonque* album. Angelou and Marsalis have the credentials, of course, but to me, the Krush and Jordan fusion sounds more organically matched.

As for Jordan, his Wes Montgomery-style octave runs and wah-wah riffing sound much improved against a rougher backing. I long to hear this approach tested on musicians who are more adventurous.

DAVID TOOP

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Come	Prince (Warner Brothers)
2	Sleeps With Angels	Neil Young & Crazy Horse (Reprise)
3	End Of Part One (Their Greatest Hits)	Wet Wet Wet (Precious)
4	The Glory Of Gershwin	Various (Mercury)
5	The Very Best Of	The Eagles (Elektra)
6	Music For The Jilted Generation	Prodigy (XL)
7	Voodoo Lounge	Rolling Stones (Virgin)
8	Parklife	Blur (Food)
9	Seal	Seal (ZTT)
10	Brother Sister	Brand New Heavies (fin)

Compiled by MRIB

The boyo is back in town

A new book and birthday concert could bring the music of Phil Lynott and his band Thin Lizzy back to life

While some rock musicians — from Jimi Hendrix to Kurt Cobain — have become icons in the wake of drug-related deaths, history has not been as kind to Phil Lynott. His similarly sad and needless demise on January 4, 1986, landed him with a reputation as a villainous loser.

But, as the singer, bass-player and songwriter with Thin Lizzy, Lynott was responsible for a substantial body of work: a dozen chart albums between 1975 and 1987, and a resounding string of hit singles including "Whiskey In The Jar", "Waiting For An Alibi" and, above all, the song that became the band's internationally recognised calling card, "The Boys Are Back In Town".

Born black, Irish and illegitimate on August 20, 1949, Lynott had the cards regally stacked against him, but eventually flourished thanks to a combination of talent, drive and rakish charm. Although a heavy rocker at heart, he was a versatile musician and lyricist who was equally at ease collaborating with Steve Jones and Paul Cook of the Sex Pistols as he was with Huey Lewis and his News or Mark Knopfler of Dire Straits.

Lean and charismatic, Lynott was a highly distinctive performer and on a good night in their prime Thin Lizzy were unbeatable. But the buccaneering spirit that made them so attractive also pulled them down, and the group as a whole suffered from a chronic lack of stability.

Over the years a veritable Who's Who of guitarists passed through the ranks including Gary Moore, Snowy White, John Sykes (later of Whitesnake), Midge Ure (of Ultravox), Eric Bell and the "classic" combination of Scott Gorham and Brian Robertson. As Robertson says, there were too many bewildering comings and goings for the band's own good.

"Lizzy didn't become as big as it should have done," he says. "Part of that is down to myself for getting sacked and leaving and coming back and all that nonsense. We were pretty crazy in those days and, yes, in a lot of ways I do regret that now."

As it was, the band finally split up soon after headlining the Reading Festival in 1983 and Lynott started a new group called Grand Slam which failed to take off. His death at the age of 36 from kidney, liver and heart failure came when his career was at its lowest ebb.

But now there are signs of a revival of interest in Thin Lizzy. A new book, *Philip Lynott — The Rocker*, by Mark Putterford, is a detailed and affectionate narrative that throws fresh light on the band's legacy as well as exposing the grim details of Lynott's death.

Meanwhile, guitarist John Sykes is booked to tour Japan with a Thin Lizzy line-up including Gorham, drummer Brian Downey and keyboard player Darren Wharton. And this weekend Downey, Wharton, Robertson and Bell will be among those lining up alongside Thin Lizzy tribute band Ain't Lizzy on stage at the 2,000-capacity Civic Hall in Wolverhampton for a celebratory show on what would have been Lynott's 43rd birthday.

According to Pete Schofield, a Thin Lizzy fan who is promoting the concert with his partner Richard Bennett, there is still an enormous depth of feeling for Lynott.

"I get letters and calls from people from all walks of life all over the world," Schofield says. "As an artist he has been short-changed by the media, and we feel it's time to draw attention to his music again. Rather than fading away, his memory is growing all the time."

DAVID SINCLAIR

● *Philip Lynott — The Rocker by Mark Putterford is published by Castle Communications/Penguin (£9.99)*
● *Are You Ready?.. a concert celebrating Lynott's music and featuring former members of Thin Lizzy, takes place at Wolverhampton Civic Hall (0602 499007), tomorrow*



Phil Lynott: charming rebel who died of a drug overdose

"Neil Young & Crazy Horse have made a Classic"

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Sporting festival planning to keep its place in the sun



DAVID MILLER
Chief Sports Correspondent

The pride of Neil Thomas, champion British gymnast, on being asked to carry England's flag at the opening ceremony last night, was in its way as symbolic of the importance of the Commonwealth Games as the presence of the Queen herself. Thomas, for his part, was putting honour above self-interest.

This morning Thomas competes in the gymnastics team event, from which competitors qualify for individual apparatus on subsequent days, he defending his floor-exercise title from 1990. Yet after careful thought, he accepted the invitation from the English Council because the honour would mean as much to him as a world championship gold medal, which he has missed by a hair's breadth in the past couple of years.

Not for him the churlishness of Daley Thompson, who as Olympic champion from Moscow rejected the privilege when offered at the Commonwealth Games of Brisbane two years later. To share the emotions in the stadium, and bear the flag, when the Queen opened the Games here was, for Thomas, a moment not to be missed: never mind any loss of valuable pre-competition rest.

Let nobody misunderstand, whatever the blasé attitude of some travel-weary media and the disenchantment of big-bucks sponsors: the Friendly Games are important. The disturbance caused by Australian remarks about the participation of disabled competitors is a red herring, ill-considered and ill-timed.

The Games are certainly threatened by a handful of cash-hungry athletes for whom the rich pickings of the European Grand Prix circuit are more tempting. Yet the quality of some sports over the next 11 days — badminton, boxing, cycling, swimming — will compare favourably with Olympic competition, while even certain track and field events — sprints and middle distance — will be as good as or better than the just completed European championships in Helsinki.

For many competitors from a record number of countries present — 67, with the addition of Namibia and the return of South Africa — these Games offer a lifetime opportunity for achievement. Ask Peter Elliott, whose lone championship gold medal for 1,500 metres came in Auckland four years ago. Ask the medal-winners — or their colleagues and supporters — of such countries as Kenya, Nigeria, Jamaica and Ghana, with more than 40, all-time; Uganda, Trinidad, Malaysia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, all more than 20; Guyana, Bahamas, Tanzania, Hong Kong, more than ten; down to Bermuda and St Vincent, each with one gold medal.

But survival? That is another matter in these harsh commercial days. No household-name athletes + no television + no sponsors + no Games. The inexorable equation spares no sporting occasion that cannot meet the market's demands. In his address to the general assembly this week as retiring chairman of the Commonwealth Games Federation, Sonny de Sales, of Hong Kong, said: "There can be no looking back nostalgically now. We must try to save the Games from sliding into oblivion."

The era of Bannister v Landy, or Bayi v Walker — and a stupendous 1,500 metres world record in Christchurch — has gone. The low-water mark, of course, was Edinburgh in 1986; boycotted by the Africans, financially disastrous, badly organised and wretchedly exploited by the false philanthropy of Robert Maxwell.

Victoria 94

"A new direction has been set for the Games to keep its rightful place among the many regional and continental multi-sports competitions and the growing number of world and regional championships in single sports," de Sales said. "The Games meet heavy competition with clash of dates and loyalties, and must attract the top competitors to make the Games newsworthy and be of commercial value to sponsors. The social and political value of the Games is recognised by Commonwealth heads of government. It should be given financial backing — otherwise, the federation might be chasing the shadow for the substance."

The federation is fortunate that through its new chairman, Mike Fennell, of Jamaica — elected unopposed — it will be led by a mind as sharp as that of his predecessor. He recognises the struggle ahead.

"We must synchronise the timing of the Games in the sporting calendar with other events," Fennell said. "Ours must be better promoted, commercially sharper and have a more positive approach to television coverage.

"The Commonwealth Games are different from the Olympics, with unique features — there will be netball for the first time in Kuala Lumpur in 1998, with the possibility of age-limit cricket and maybe rugby. We must exploit this to enhance our revenue. I think we are secure for 2002, but we need assured continuity to plan financial strategy."

I remember many Commonwealth Games as being the most agreeable assignments I have attended: honest competitors respecting sportsmanship, honorary officials motivated by altruism, enthusiastic crowds. The heads of government must do all in their power to preserve a festival that not only is the most visible manifestation of their collective existence but still manages to present sport in the way it was always meant to be: fun.

Swimmers in medal hunt

England's gold rush headed by Harris

FROM CRAIG LORD IN VICTORIA

MARTIN Harris sits on top of the ranking list for backstroke, a full second advantage giving him a clear view of his swimming rivals at the Commonwealth Games, which begin today in Victoria, Canada.

At a hulking 6ft 5in and 14st 6lb, Harris can handle heights and his intention is to create a repetition of history. It is 32 years since an Englishman, Graham Sykes, won a Commonwealth backstroke title, the 100 metres, at Perth, Australia. Go back another 32 years to the inaugural Games in Hamilton, Canada, and you find John Trippett, English winner of the 100 yards backstroke.

Harris is the dream sequence, 32 years on, in the 100 metres next Tuesday. If he should win, the dedication will be to his late grandfather, Mick, who was an old-time bare-knuckled fighter at the Mile End boxing ring. He would have been 84 on Tuesday. "He would have been proud of me now. I know he will be watching over me."

Harris has made a record of breaking national records, 34 since 1990, and, as such, his progress to the head of the Commonwealth pack and fourth in the world is more impressive than that of his English predecessors. But then that might just reflect a smoother passage. Consider this: before Trippett claimed his crown, he had endured a sea crossing that lasted almost as long as the ten-day Games programme itself.

The team manager's log of 1930 reports: "August 4: most confined sick to cabins, two needed medical attention; August 7: several icebergs sighted; August 8: calm docking, arrived Quebec in storm 8pm. Spent night on train; August 10: whole team turned up at baths and put in a spell of hard work."

A world and a flight away in 1994 is Victoria, British Columbia, a twee place "more English than England", as the brochures put it.

Harris, 25, of Bow, London, and the Waltham Forest club, stands out in England's campaign to stop an Australian rush on gold at the state-of-the-art Saanich pool; he is the target without a title, his best efforts being a silver at the world short-course championships last December and a bronze at the European championships last year.

England's other clear contenders for gold are the three world short-course champions, Karen Pickering, Nick Gillingham and Mark Foster. Pickering, 22, of Ipswich, is determined to kick sand in the face of Don Talbot's "Thunder from Down Under" squad, which aims to win every title.

She carries with her to the blocks for the opening event, the 100 metres freestyle, the memory of devastating Susan O'Neill, of Australia, with a turn of speed down the last length on her way to becoming the first British woman to win a world swimming title, the short-course 200 metres freestyle, last December. She meets O'Neill in the 200 metres tomorrow.

Nick Gillingham, 27, of Walsall, may also look back to December and his first world title, in the 200 metres breaststroke, for which he is the Commonwealth record-holder, long-course. It affords a better view than Auckland 1990, when Gillingham, then the world record-holder, finished third in the 200 metres to Jon Cleveland, the Canadian who will defend his title.

The man to watch this time, however, is Philip Rogers, of Australia, the world short-course champion at 100 metres, the distance they spar over today and that which gave England its only title, to Adrian Moorhouse, in the pool four years ago.

Foster, 24, of St Neots, has done little to impress since winning his world short-course title at 50 metres freestyle, but he is the favourite to stop an Australian clean sweep of freestyle events. Kieren Perkins and Daniel Kowalski are a class apart in the distance events, although Danyon Loader, of New Zealand, could threaten on his way to a possible haul of five titles, including the 200 metres butterfly, in which he was second at the 1992 Olympic Games when aged 17.

Sarah Hardcastle, of Bracknell, hopes to turn the clock back to 1986, when she won the 400 and 800 metres freestyle titles in Edinburgh. The primary competition is Hayley Lewis, the winner of five gold medals at Auckland and a multi-medal prospect again.

Disabled swimmers will compete for the first time at the Games. The best hopes rest with Clare Bishop, the world record-holder at 50 metres freestyle and European record-holder at 100 metres. She is joined by Vicki Sims in the 100 metres, while Philip Steadman and Wayne Ryding will contest the men's events.

In the diving pool, Robert Morgan hopes to retain his highboard title for Wales, while Kerry Shacklock will don her noseclip for the synchronised events, in which she won two silver medals at Auckland.

JOHN GILES



Hardcastle, double gold medal-winner at 400 and 800 metres freestyle in Edinburgh in 1986, hopes to repeat her success in Victoria

England's bowlers impressed by quality of greens

FROM DAVID RHYS JONES

THE England bowlers, who missed their first practice day because they were still en route to Canada, were impressed with the Juan de Fuca greens when they got their turn to roll up at the Commonwealth Games on Tuesday.

The four championship greens, providing space for 24 simultaneous matches, were laid from seed two years ago, but the centre has already successfully hosted the 1993 Pacific Games.

Tony Allcock, who is hoping to add a Commonwealth Games gold medal to the world outdoor title he won in 1992, was the first to give his approval: "If every green in Britain was as good, we'd be quite happy."

The English pair, Gary Smith and Andy Thomson, appeared happy with the greens and confident about their chances, despite being informed that a lopsided draw had grouped them with six other pairs, all capable of striking gold.



Allcock: expectant

"The system is all wrong, but we are not complaining," Thomson said. "In fact, we are quite pleased to be in such a strong section, where losing a game will not be a disaster."

England have been drawn with Scotland, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Australia and Hong Kong, Jersey and Guernsey making up the number. Wales and Ireland, it seems, have a clear run in section B.

In the singles, Allcock will face the holder, Rob Parrella, of Australia, and Gary Lawson, of New Zealand, in section A, while Richard Corsie, of Scotland, and Will Thomas, of Wales, will battle it out with Kevin Campbell, of South Africa, in section B.

TIMETABLE

All times BST

August 19: 16.30: Cycling: men's team time-trial. 16.30: Bowls 17.00: Swimming. 17.00: Badminton. 19.00: Synchronized swimming 20.00: Cycling: women's team time-trial 21.00: Boxing. 21.30: Bowls. 22.00: Diving 22.00: Badminton.

August 20: 02.00: Boxing 02.30: Swimming, Lawn bowls 03.00: Badminton. 16.30: Lawn bowls 17.00: Swimming, Badminton, Shooting 18.00: Wrestling. 19.00: Synchronized swimming, Gymnastics artistic. 21.00: Boxing 22.00: Diving, Badminton, Wrestling 23.00: Gymnastics: artistic

August 21: 02.00: Boxing. 02.30: Swimming, Lawn bowls 03.00: Badminton, Wrestling. 16.30: Cycling road race, Lawn bowls. 17.00: Badminton, Shooting 18.00: Wrestling 19.00: Gymnastics, artistic 20.00: Cycling road race 21.30: Lawn bowls. 22.00: Synchronized swimming. Badminton. Boxing 23.00: Gymnastics artistic

August 22: 01.00: Badminton 02.00: Boxing. 02.30: Swimming, Lawn bowls. 03.00: Wrestling 16.30: Lawn bowls 17.00: Swimming, Shooting 18.00: Gymnastics artistic 18.30: Athletics 21.00: Boxing 21.30: Lawn bowls 22.00: Synchronized swimming 23.00: Gymnastics: artistic

August 23: 02.00: Boxing 02.30: Swimming, Lawn bowls. 16.30: Lawn bowls 17.00: Swimming, Badminton, Shooting 18.30: Athletics. 19.00: Field lacrosse (demonstration sport) 21.00: Boxing 21.30: Diving, Lawn bowls 22.00: Synchronized swimming. Weightlifting. 23.00: Field lacrosse.

August 24: 01.00: Badminton. 02.00: Boxing. 02.30: Swimming, Lawn bowls. 03.00: Weightlifting. Field lacrosse. 16.30: Lawn bowls 17.00: Swimming, Athletics, Badminton, Shooting. 19.00: Cycling: velodrome, Field lacrosse. 21.00: Boxing. 21.30: Diving, Lawn bowls. 22.00: Weightlifting. 23.00: Field lacrosse.

August 25: 01.00: Badminton, Cycling. 02.00: Boxing 02.30: Swimming, Lawn bowls 03.00: Weightlifting. 15.00: Athletics: walks 16.30: Lawn bowls 17.00: Diving, Shooting. 18.30: Athletics. walks 19.00: Badminton, Cycling, Gymnastics. rhythmic. 21.00: Boxing 21.30: Lawn bowls 22.00: Weightlifting. 23.00: Gymnastics: rhythmic.

August 26: 00.00: Diving. 01.00: Badminton, Cycling velodrome 02.00: Boxing 02.30: Lawn bowls 03.00: Weightlifting. 16.30: Lawn bowls. 17.00: Shooting. 18.30: Athletics 19.00: Badminton, Cycling: velodrome, Gymnastics. rhythmic. 21.30: Lawn bowls. 22.00: Weightlifting 23.00: Gymnastics: rhythmic.

August 27: 01.00: Badminton, Cycling: velodrome. 02.30: Lawn bowls. 15.00: Marathon (women). 16.30: Lawn bowls. 17.00: Shooting. 18.30: Athletics 19.00: Badminton, Weightlifting 21.00: Boxing. 21.30: Lawn bowls. 23.00: Gymnastics: rhythmic. 23.30: Weightlifting.

August 28: 01.00: Cycling. 02.30: Lawn bowls. 15.00: Marathon (men) 21.00: Athletics.

August 29: 01.00: Closing ceremony

Clark bears heavy burden

FROM RICHARD EATON

GILL Clark has the chance to confirm herself as a great England stalwart by extending her total of Commonwealth badminton medals to 12 over the nine days starting here today. The Wimbledon woman could bring herself close to Steve Baddeley's record of 143 caps and ensure that England remains the most successful badminton nation in the Games.

England are seeded to win three golds in the six events, but the Malaysia men are favoured to win both the singles and doubles, and the improvement in their women makes the country a threat to England's hold on the team title.

Many countries have capable players, including Canada, Hong Kong, Australia and Singapore, and England are without their best-known player, the former European champion, Darren Hall, who has a career-threatening knee injury.

This could put more stress on Clark, who is embarking on her fourth Commonwealth Games with nine medals. She is hoping for at least two golds (from the team event and the womens doubles with Julia Bradbury) and a silver (in the mixed doubles with Chris Hunt).

"I still get more of a thrill playing for my country than anything else," she said.

The most interesting encounters from an English point view may be those that suggest whether English players can build on the two outstanding successes of last season — the All England title, won by Nick Ponting and Joanne Wright, and the European title, captured by Hunt and Simon Archer.

Ponting and Wright are the leading seeds in the mixed doubles and their role in the team event may be crucial. Hunt and Archer, seeded second in the men's doubles, will want to do well against the top-seeded world silver medal-winners, Cheah Soon Kit and Soo Beng Kiang, if they are to show their unexpected European triumph is a forerunner of lasting achievement.

Team sports gain approval for 1998

CRICKET, rugby union and hockey have been approved in principle as additions to the programme of sports at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur.

The Malaysian Games will be the first Commonwealth event to include team sports, David Dixon, the secretary general of the Commonwealth Games Federation, said.

The International Cricket Council, International Rugby Board and the International Hockey Federation have all agreed to the inclusion of their sports in the sixteenth Games, which will feature men's and women's hockey, seven-a-side rugby and limited-overs cricket. Dixon said he expected confirmation from the relevant bodies for each sport by early 1995.

Squash has already been confirmed as a replacement for wrestling in Malaysia, and netball will also be added, but none of the new sports is a permanent fixture.

"The arrangements for 1998 are one-off and are not intended to be a precedent," Dixon said. For the 2002 Games and beyond, the federation is planning for the ten traditional sports plus two team sports of the host nation's choice.

Dixon said preparations for the Malaysian Games were well-advanced. "They want to make it a matter of national prestige and are going to build Olympic-standard facilities," he said.

WORD-WATCHING

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LATITAT

(a) A writ which supposed the defendant to lie concealed and which summoned him to answer in the King's Bench. From the Latin *latitāre*, to lie concealed: "I desire him also to conceale himself as deeply as he can, if he cannot get a speciall pardon, to weare a Latitat about his neck."

MALABATHRUM

(c) An aromatic leaf mentioned by ancient writers: a perfumed ointment prepared from this. From the Hindi *tamal* and the Sanskrit *tamala* (which is the source of the Greek and Latin word.): "The perfume or smell that Malabathrum or the leafe yeeldeth when it is boiled in wine, passeth all others."

ALPARGATA

(b) A type of sandal. From the Spanish: "Remember that, in Alpargatas, you will always end the day with wet feet."

DINKEL

(b) A species of wheat, *Triticum spelta*. From the German: "Of the wheats with brittle rachis Common Spelt of Dinkel is the most extensively grown. A considerable amount of Dinkel grain is used in South Germany in soups."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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Obree can take encouragement from history

John Goodbody recalls sporting innovators who were first mocked before being copied

As Graeme Obree, truculent and resentful that his innovative body position has been banned in international cycling, laments his disqualification at the world championships, he can be consoled by the fact that he is the latest in a long line of enterprising competitors who have periodically had the last laugh.

To defend his world pursuit title, the Scot used a bike he built from old tubing, a bracket from a washing machine and scraps from the streets of Irvine, in Ayrshire. He altered the construction to meet the regulations of the International Cycling Union (UCI).

Then, the world governing body told Obree that placing his chest on the handlebars and tucking his elbows into his side to achieve a more aerodynamic position was "an unsporting interpretation of the rules".

People usually resent novelty. When William Webb Ellis picked up the ball and ran with it at Rugby School in 1823, he created a furore and began a new game of football. A contemporary of Ellis's at Rugby described him as "inclined to take unfair advantages at football".



Berkoff: submerged

If Webb Ellis began a whole sport, then the history of swimming is marked with regulations that have been changed to cope with the originality of competitors. Butterfly was developed in 1933 when an American, Henry Myers, lifted his arms over the surface in a breaststroke race. After the 1952 Olympics, with butterfly swimmers increasingly dominating breaststroke competitions, separate events were created.

In the breaststroke at the 1956 Olympics, Masura Furakawa, of Japan, swam most of the first length underwater, giving him an unbeatable lead. He was nicknamed "The Submarine" and won the gold medal. The laws had to be changed, restricting the number of strokes underwater to one leg and one arm-stroke before the competitor had to break surface.

Something similar occurred in the backstroke in 1988, when David Berkoff did a dolphin leg kick under water for about 30 metres. The American lost the Olympic title, to Daichi Suzuki, only because the Japanese copied Berkoff's idea. The rules were then changed to force swimmers to surface at or before 15 metres.

Swimmers are not the only competitors who have challenged the received wisdom. Athlete Parry O'Brien turned his back, literally, on the orthodox sideways style of shot-putting and won the 1952 and 1956 Olympic titles. Now everyone uses the technique he originated . . . except those who have tried using a discus twirl to propel the shot further.

Dick Fosbury, disappointed with the straddle method of high jumping, experimented with crossing the bar on his back. The style was christened "The Fosbury Flop". He won the 1968 Olympic title, while his rivals were still using the straddle. Now his style is standard.

Some innovations owe more to safety than to a direct improvement in technique. Modern equipment in cricket owes much to Dennis Amiss and Mike Brearley, who brought in the wearing of helmets for batting.

In English football, one of the cheekiest goals was scored by Ernie Hunt for Coventry against Everton in 1970. At a free kick, Willie Carr flicked the ball up between his legs and Hunt volleyed it home. It was immediately nicknamed "The Donkey Kick".

Officials did not like it. The following year, they ruled that such a ploy at a free kick was illegal because both feet were used instead of one; therefore, the player had touched the ball twice, so contravening Law 13.

Once again, the players themselves thought up the idea. Another former player, Craig Johnston, of Liverpool, has made the most recent contribution to football boot technology.

As Jesse Mortensen, the former athletics coach to the University of Southern California, once said: "The orthodox is another word for the obsolete."

Welshman with promising future behind him shines again

Parkin hints at talent that was not fulfilled

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

TEN years ago Ian Woosnam and Philip Parkin represented Wales in the World Cup in Spain. Yesterday they both scored 68 in the first round of the Murphy's English Open, at the Forest of Arden, near Birmingham, and are two strokes behind Barry Lane, the leader, and one behind a bunch of players including the Irishman, Eamonn Darcy, Niclas Fasth and Peter Hedblom, of Sweden, Englishman Phil Golding and Costantino Rocca, the Italian Ryder Cup player.

What has happened to Woosnam, 36, and Parkin, 32, in the past decade is quite a story. Woosnam went from strength to strength, from sixth in the European order of merit to first, to becoming the 1991 US Masters Champion and, briefly the top ranked golfer in the world. At the moment, he is ranked thirteenth and is a millionaire.

As Woosnam's star rose, Parkin's fell. He had been the most promising amateur to emerge from Wales and became a talented winner of the Amateur Championship by beating Jim Holtgrieve, an American Walker Cup player, by 5 and 4 in 1983. When he turned professional, it was thought the sky would be the limit.

It did not work out like that, however. Woosnam bought a plane and exiled himself for tax avoidance reasons in Jersey. Parkin bought a car and lives in Newtown, Powys. He went to the United States, got married and tried for his card on the US PGA Tour. His marriage failed, he did not win his card and now he gives half-hour lessons at the Welsh Border golf range near Shrewsbury. He remarried and has two children.

"Phil was a brilliant chipper and putter when I first saw him," Woosnam recalls. "But I am always suspicious of good chippers and putters. If you hit it well from tee to green then you have a chance of lasting in this game but if you don't what do you do when your confidence goes?"

Parkin tried to get invitations to tournaments but no one wanted to know. Last week's Austrian Open was his first event for two years and he was so nervous he missed the cut by two strokes. He was granted a place in this tournament by Paul Vaughan, Whitbread's sponsorship director, who remembered him from years gone by.

Woosnam recalled how when they played together in a Dunhill Cup at St Andrews, Parkin was so uncertain of his accuracy that he took a one-iron from the first tee to be sure of hitting one of the widest fairways in golf.

Nothing much has changed. In his first nine holes yesterday, Parkin hit only two greens in regulation figures. Significantly though, he birdied two holes, once by chipping in from the back of the green, and eagled a third by sinking a 12-yard putt.

"I felt the pressure today," Parkin admitted. "I have to give myself a good talking to before every single shot otherwise I bale out. I shot a 68 today with no confidence whatsoever."

Woosnam's future is assured. He is defending champion this week and happier about his game now that he is hitting the ball lower and more powerfully.

He is unlikely to disappear from the leader board because of a lack of competitive practice or nerve.

Parkin, on the other hand, needs the money a good performance would bring to rebuild his confidence. "I'd love to see him play well," Woosnam said. There were quite a few who agreed with that sentiment.



Woosnam, back to near his best form, lines up a putt on the 10th green

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 66: B Lane 67: N Fasth (Swe), E Darcy, P Golding, P Hedblom (Swe), C Rocca (It). 68: P Parkin, A Sherborne, I Woosnam, P Fulke (Swe) 69: G Brand Jr, R Allenby (Aus), D Smyth, G Evans, M Zerman (It), V Fernandez (Arg), W Westner (SA), L Westwood, A Coltart, I Palmer (SA), A Bossert (Switz). 70: A Lyle, D Gilford, G Orr, P Way, M Mouland, S Torrance, C Montgomerie, M A Jiménez (Sp), D R Jones. 71: P Affleck, S Jones (US), P Mitchell, P McGinley, I Gerrido (Sp), J Hobday (SA), S Watson, A Murray, R Davis (Aus), P Price, A Oldcorn, T Levet (Fr), P Moloney (Aus).

McKinnon relishes reminder of home comforts

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

TERRI McKinnon, a homesick Australian, led the qualifiers in the British women's amateur strokeplay championship at Woodhall Spa yesterday, the Lincolnshire heathland perhaps stirring memories of the renowned sand-belt courses of her native Melbourne.

McKinnon, 21, one of a trio of players dispatched to Europe for six weeks by the Victorian Institute of Sport, birdied three of the last five holes — being from down under she worked through her card backwards — for a round of 72 and a total of 146, two under par.

That left her one stroke ahead of Marina Arruti, the Spanish champion, with Kirsty Speak, Clitheroe's Curtis Cup player, third on 149. The Anglo-Irish axis of Kate Egford and Tracy Eakin, internationals both, was on 150. So far, only eight people have broken par.

Although she was ready for home after her first trip to Europe — she flies out on Sunday — McKinnon has already been successful, finishing second to Martina Fischer, of Germany, in the European individual championship in Sweden a couple of weeks ago. As befits someone who attends a school of excellence, the Australian is coached by Steven Bann, who has also worked with Robert Allenby and Ian Baker-Finch.

On a bright and breezy day, Arruti, who lives in Fuenterrabia, whose most famous son is José Maria Olazábal, the Masters champion, spoiled the symmetry of her round — three bogeys going out, three birdies coming home — with a double bogey six at the 17th. It is a par four of 290 yards that is anything but innocuous and the Spaniard hit her second shot over the green into a gorse bush. She risked disfigurement by a thousand scratches as she worked out where to take her penalty drop.

At Woodhall, nothing can be taken for granted. Eileen Rose Power, the former Irish champion just back from the Curtis Cup in Chattanooga, was out in 34, two under par, but double bogeys at the two shortest par fours on the course, the 15th (296 yards) and the 17th, deflated her. Yet, with 36 holes to negotiate today, Power's chances are by no means scuppered — she is on 151.

QUALIFIERS: 146: T McKinnon (Aus) 74, 72. 147: M Arruti (Sp) 71, 76. 149: K Speak (Clitheroe) 72, 77. 150: K Egford (Crane Valley) 77, 73; T Eakin (Laytown and Bettystown) 76, 74. 151: V Thomas (Pennard) 78, 73; E R Power (Kilkenny) 75, 76. 152: M Fischer (Ger) 78, 74; M J Pons (Sp) 76, 76; L Greve (Den) 77, 75; J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry) 75, 77; V Melvin (Stirling University) 79, 73. 153: A Ross (Stirling) 75, 78; E Ratcliffe (Stirling University) 76, 77. 154: K Andersson (Swe) 75, 79; S Dellongeville (Fr) 78, 76; J Oliver (Knebworth) 75, 79, C Sorenstam (Swe) 78, 76. 155: C Kuld (Den) 78, 77; M Cable (Newmarket) 79, 76. 156: E Fields (Falmouth) 77, 79; M Sutton (Princes) 83, 73. C Schmitz (Fr) 77, 79; J Williamson (Hadley Wood) 82, 74; S Lambert (Coombe Hill) 77, 79, M Scerri (Aus) 79, 77. 157: R Skaife (Harrogate) 75, 82, E Duggleby (Melton and Norton) 80, 77. S Sharpe (Peterborough Milton) 74, 83, A Wheelhouse (Aus) 81, 76. 158: V Vignali (Sp) 77, 81, M Brink (Swe) 82, 76; F McKay (Turnberry) 79, 79, H Monaghan (Longniddry) 75, 83; S Burnell (Burnham and Berrow) 75, 83; S Little (St Rule) 73, 85: C Pons (Bel) 78, 80, H Klump (Ger) 78, 80

SPORT IN BRIEF

Neumann maintains impressive form

LISELOTTE Neumann, the winner of the recent British Open, enjoyed her return to familiar territory in the Trygg-Hansa Open at Haninge in Stockholm yesterday, claiming a first-round lead after a four-under-par 69 (Bill Johnson writes). Neumann finished one stroke ahead of a chasing group on 70 that included Sally Prosser, from Wentworth, with the holder, Lora Fairclough, of Lancashire, one stroke further behind. Neumann's round was her seventh consecutive score below par.

"They have been busy days for me since winning the British Open at Woburn with everybody wanting an interview," she said. "I have had no time to practise but I am very confident at the moment."

Fairclough was heading for an automatic Solheim Cup place until a back injury forced her to retire from both the Scottish and Irish Opens. However, she can still make the team automatically and a 71 will help her cause.

Hamed heads west

BOXING: Naseem Hamed, who successfully defended his European bantamweight title in Sheffield on Wednesday night, will have to cross the Atlantic for his next bout because of the lack of opposition in Europe (Srikumar Sen writes). Hamed stopped Antonio Picardi, of Italy, in the third round at the Hillsborough Leisure Centre, prompting Frank Warren, Hamed's promoter, to say that British and European boxers were either not good enough to test Hamed or were refusing to meet him.

This could have the effect of hastening Hamed's challenge for the world title. Warren said: "I have offered huge amounts to Johnny Armour [Britain's Commonwealth champion] and Wayne McCullough [the world No 1, from Ireland] but they don't want to know."

Rivals trail Rodgers

YACHTING: Simon Rodgers and his crew on *Sticky Fingers* were joined by a school of dolphins and a whale as they surfed southwards at more than 13 knots to lead the third stage of the Teesside British Isles race from Lerwick to Hartlepool. As the Whitbread 30 design sailed past Aberdeen yesterday afternoon, Rodgers's closest rivals, the German yacht, *Hamburg*, and *Chaser*, the 55ft joint services entry skippered by Malcolm Roberts, were still crossing the Moray Firth, having fallen more than 50 miles astern during the long spinnaker leg down from the Shetlands.

Fowke finds target

RIFLE SHOOTING: Richard Fowke, of Basingstoke, won the Class X Grand Aggregate, the overall championship of the national smallbore rifle meeting at Bisley, yesterday by a clear four points. He started the week behind Bob Jarvis, a former winner, then pulled ahead to share the lead on Wednesday with Michael Bagot, of Kingsgate, but Bagot dropped points badly in the final 60-shot test, putting him out of the running. Fowke won with 2,702 points out of a possible 2,800 over ranges of 50 metres and 100 yards. Alan Eustance, of East Barnet, was second.

Adeniken and Mitchell risk sanction after fight

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN BRUSSELS

A FIGHT in the lobby of the athletes' hotel during the early hours of yesterday morning has put Olapade Adeniken, the Nigerian who was third behind Linford Christie in the Weltklasse grand prix 100 metres in Zurich on Wednesday, out of the Ivo van Damme memorial meeting here tonight.

Adeniken, who is among the favourites to win a medal at the Commonwealth Games next week, suffered bruising to an eye in a brawl involving Dennis Mitchell, the Goodwill Games champion, from the United States, and his brother, Tony Mitchell. Adeniken, who is 25 today, has run 9.95sec this season and, on time, is ranked No 4 in the world.

The incident happened four hours after Christie had won the most important 100 metres of year, beating not only Adeniken and Mitchell but also Leroy Burrell, the world record-holder, from the United States. Mitchell was not hurt and runs tonight.

Under International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) regulations, by which athletes considered to have brought the sport into disrepute are suspended, either or both athletes could be disciplined in the first incident of its kind. Three years ago, there were angry exchanges between Christie and Burrell at RAF Cosford during an indoor meeting, but no blows were struck and no action was taken. When Butch Reynolds insisted on competing while under suspension, the IAAF used a disrepute charge to lengthen his ban by six months.

"It is unfortunate, but there is no doubt that the events alleged to have taken place in Zurich do bring the sport into disrepute and could lead to sanctions," Christopher Winner, the IAAF spokeman, said last night. "This is the kind of thing that will come before the grand prix commission. As soon as it knows the facts, it can do anything from deciding that the matter is not severe enough to punish the athletes involved to suspending one or both of them."

Adeniken has suffered loss of earnings from being unable to compete here and can make a complaint to the IAAF. However, it is understood that the athletes have agreed that neither would take the matter further after Andreas Brugger, the Zurich meeting director, summoned them yesterday morning to a meeting.

Youngsters give hint of better things to come

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE setting for the British junior championships could hardly be more apposite. The City of Nottingham tennis centre may be admirable when it is completed, with the addition of eight grass courts, but at present it resembles a large, rambling building site.

The youngsters have been competing there this week against a background of earth-moving machines, changing in portable cabins and watching fellow players from temporary stands. Like the state of the domestic game, the foundations are being laid but the edifice is still under construction.

The common boast of the Lawn Tennis Association is that Britain is flourishing, yet there are only two men in the world's top 150 and one woman in the top 200. Who in Nottingham promises to improve figures that indicate that the country has receded to the level which the Davis Cup team has reached, the third world of tennis? The answer would not seem to lie in the upper of the two age-groups.

The seedings suggested that the eventual champions would be Luke Milligan and Lizzie Jelfs. They are still on course to collect the under-18 titles, having reached the last four, but, even if they do tomorrow, they will be able to claim no more than that they are small fish in a tiny pool. At their age, after all, Boris Becker had already been crowned Wimbledon champion and Jennifer Capriati was heading towards retirement.

Milligan is not even ranked in the top 1,000 in the world. Of the recent boys' champions, only a couple have gone on to make a significant impact — Andrew Foster and, especially, Tim Henman, the winners in 1989 and 1992 respectively. Jelfs, runner-up last year and yet to drop a set this year, is 623rd in the world. The former holder of the under-14, under-16 and under-18 titles, she has fallen into the chasm which exists between national and international standards.

Among the girls, though, there have been signs of optimism. They were carried by a couple of 14-year-olds. Helen Richardson beat two seeds before losing yesterday to another, Zoe Mellis, while Tilly Callow, who trains at the National Centre under Olga Morozova, matched her progress. She was knocked out yesterday by the second seed, Katia Roubanova, who happens to be her coach's daughter.

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ZURICH: Grand Prix meeting: Winners: Men: 100m: L Christie (GB) 10.05. 200m: M Johnson (US) 20.33. 400m: D Mills (US) 44.88. 800m, A race: W Kipketer (Ken) 1:46.12. 1,500m: V Nyongabo (Bur) 3:36.15. Mile: A Bulkowski (Ukr) 3:55.28. 110m hurdles: A race: C Jackson (GB) 13.19. 400m hurdles: D Adkins (US) 47.90sec. 3,000m steeplechase: M Kiptanui (Ken) 8:09.80. High jump: S Smith (GB) 2.28m. Long jump: M Powell (US) 8.33. Women: 200m: I Privalova (Russ) 22.15. 800m: M Mutola (Moz) 1.55.19. Mile: H Boulmerka (Alg) 4:22.09. 100m hurdles: S Dimitrova (Bul) 12.81. Long jump: I Kravets (Ukr) 7.09. Discus: E Zvereva (Belo) 66.68m.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Open tournament: Pairs Fourth round: J Brushwood and A Jones bt Rideout and Rideout 25-9; Boozer and Wessler bt Palmer and Hayward 23-11; Ugle and Wells bt T Stewart and F Mennington 24-13; Webb and Greyemark bt Hodge and Hodge 19-15; P Bull and R Clement bt Grimse and Compton 23-8; Bertalis and Morgan bt Roberts and Warren 20-10; E Tucker and C Palmer bt Calder and George 24-16; S Shead and F Hewitt bt Chipps and Schofield 18-12; Mackenzie and Craig bt Forrest and Mason 19-13; Smith and Bishop bt Hopgood and Keating 20-16; Bolton and Reeves bt Jones and Osborne 29-11, D Brown and L Reeves bt Warner and Ions 22-21; Jones and Paine bt Ash and Puttin 22-15; Ede and Prince bt Triggs and Hurley 22-13; D Leach and D Leach bt N Blake and D Black, 19-18. Fifth round: B Jones and R Pain bt M Bolton and P Reeves 24-12; S Ede and L Prince bt P Bull and R Clement 30-3; J Rushwood and A Jones bt R Stockley and J Stevens 18-13; C Boozer and P Wessler bt D Brown and L Reeves 23-22; D Smith and D Bishop bt D Leach and D Leach 25-13, S Shead and F Hewitt bt P Ugle and D Wells 22-17; E Tucker and C Palmer bt D Webb and P Greyemark 25-19; M Bertalis and I Morgan bt I Mackenzie and G Craig 21-15

BOXING

SHEFFIELD: European bantamweight championship (12 rounds): Naseem Hamed (Sheffield) bt Antonio Picardi (Naples, It) ko 3rd. Heavyweight (8 rounds): Clifton Mitchell (Derby) bt Carl Gaffney (Leeds) ko 1st. Middleweight (6 rounds): Robin Reid (Warrington) bt Andy Jervis (Liverpool) rsf 1st. Chris Woods (Doncaster) bt Darren Littlewood (Parsons Cross) rsf 4th. Light-middleweight (8 rounds): Kevin Adamson (Walthamstow) bt Ernie Lowendge (Stourport-on-Severn) rsf 2nd. Welterweight (8 rounds): Michael Carruth (Dublin) bt Mark Antony (Mablesp) rsf 3rd. Light-welterweight (8 rounds): Paul Ryan (Hackney) bt John-Smith (Liverpool) rsf 2nd. (6 rounds), Rick North (Grimsby) bt Steve Howden (Sheffield) pts. Super-featherweight (8 rounds): Duke McKenzie (Croydon) bt Mark Hargreaves (Burnley) rsf 3rd.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Wellington: Oxfordshire 210-5 dec and 204-3 dec; Shropshire 208-6 dec and 200-5. Shropshire won by 5 wickets. Stone: Staffordshire 225-3 and 235-7. Bedfordshire 211 and 251-3 (Bedfordshire won by 7 wickets). Fenner's: Buckinghamshire 176-6 dec and 17-1 Cambridgeshire 210-9.

CYCLING

PALERMO: World championships: Men: Sprint: Semi-finals: D Hill (Aus) bt J Fiedler (Ger) 2-1; M Nothstein (US) bt M Hubner (Ger) 2-1. Final: First run: Nothstein bt Hill, 10.882sec over last 200m. Second run: Nothstein bt Hill, 10.987. Third place: Hubner bt Fiedler 2-0. Women: Pursuit: Semi-finals: First heat: 1, S Samolnakova (Russ) 3.50.025. 2, J Eckhoff (US) 3.52.631. Second heat: 1, M Clignet (Fr) 3.46.686. 2, A Bellutt (It) 3.54.107. Final: 1, Clignet 3.43.399. 2, Samolnakova 3.50.898. Sprint: Quarter-finals: F Baltsinger (Fr) bt E Sidumas (Est) 2-0. L Tyler (Aus) bt Y Wang (China) 2-0; O Grishina (Russ) bt T Dubrovcill (Can) 2-0; G Enukhina (Russ) bt I Hennigs (Hol) 2-1. 4km team pursuit: Quarter-finals: Winners: France, United States, Germany, Australia.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: National Smallbore Rifle Championships: Winners: Rocket WD 40 Trophy (Class X Overall Agg): R Fowke (Basingstoke) 2,702

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: US hard-court championships: Second round: S Edberg (Swe) bt B Codrington Memorial Trophy (Class A Agg): A Beck (Bury) 2,688. Hammon-Lamberg Cup (50m championship): A Eustance 1,384. Semover Trophy (Junior 50m): J Simcock (Bedford) 1,350. Paul Smyth Trophy (Junior women): J Leming (Down Hatherley 1,334. Bob Davis Salver (County 50m) Surrey 3,403. Sandra Wiltshire Trophy (Women's County 50m): Bedfordshire 1,675. Miss Morse Trophy (Class X 50m): A Eustance 587. Vickers Shield (Class A 50m) I Gerrard (Kenwest) 586. Rutland Cup (Class B 50m) S Metchett (Lensbury) 573. Westlake Cup (Class C 50m) M Eustance (E Barnet) 564. Lensbury & Britannic Cup (Class D 50m) E Gaiman (Salisbury)

GOLF

HANINGE, Sweden: Women's tournament: Leading first round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 68: L Neumann (Swed). 70: J Arnold (NZ); S Norberg (Swe), M-L de Lorenzi (Fr), S Prosser. 71: C Dibnah (Aus), J Morley, S Gronberg-Whitmore (Swe), L Fleckough. P Meunier (Fr). * S Eriksson (Swe). 72: F Fehsuer (Ger), D Bidmead, A Gutmo (Swe), W Doolen (Aus), A Ostenstierna (Swe), M Hageman (Holl) * denotes amateur

HOCKEY

BISHAM ABBEY: International match: Great Britain development squad 0 Germany 3.

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: US hard-court championships: Second round: S Edberg (Swe) bt B Steven (NZ) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, T Enqvist (Swe) bt M Hadad (Col) 6-2, 6-0; B Karbacher (Ger) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-4, 7-6; A Gaudenzi (It) bt A Krickstein (US) 6-4, 3-4, K Kinnear (US) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 6-3, 1-0 ret., M Woodforde (Aus) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, C Costa (Sp) bt B Shelton (US) 7-6, 6-2, D Delattre (Fr) bt J Bates (GB) 6-3, 6-2, G Russell (Can) bt T Muster (Austria) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, M Wilander (Swe) bt T Martin (US) 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, R Krajicek (Holl) bt D Wheaton (US) 6-3, 6-4

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: Men's tournament: Second round (US unless stated), M Washington bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 7-5, 6-3, P Korda bt C Adams 3-6, 7-5, 7-5; W Black (Zim) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, I Lendl bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 6-4, 7-6, S Pescosolido (It) bt P McEnroe 0-6, 7-6, 7-6, B Becker (Ger) bt R Smith (Bah) 6-3, 6-4, M Rosset (Switz) bt J Apell (Swe) 6-4, P Rafter (Aus) bt A O'Brien 6-4, 6-3, V Spadea bt D Adams (Aus) 6-3, 6-3; M Stich (Ger) leads M Rios (Chile) 6-3, 2-2; A Chesnokov (Russ) leads J Bunlio (Sp) 7-5, 3-3, M Goellner (Ger) leads L Roux (Fr) 6-4, 0-3, D Vacek (Cz) lead with R Gilbert (Fr) 7-6, 4-6, 6-5.

GRAZ, Austria: Men's tournament: Second round: G Schaller (Austria) bt P Wekesa (Ken) 6-4, 6-4, F Roig (Sp) bt E Couto (Por) 6-1, 6-0; F Santoro (Fr) bt E Alvarez (Sp) 7-6, 6-2, J Arrese (Sp) bt S Cortes (Chile) 6-3, 6-1.

MONTREAL: Women's Canadian Open: Second round: G Sabatini (Arg) bt S Testud (Fr) 6-1, 6-3, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-4, 6-2, K Date (Japan) bt L Meshki (Geo) 7-6, 7-5, M Pierce (Fr) bt R McQuillan (Aus) 6-3, 6-3, L McNeil (US) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 2-6, 6-3, ret., I Majoli (Cro) bt E Likhovtseva (Kaz) 6-4, 6-4, N Baudone (It) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 6-4, 6-3, A Smashnova (Isr) bt C Rubin (US) 6-1, 6-3; J Wiesner (Austria) bt K Boogert (Holl) 7-5, 6-3; K Maleeva (Bul) bt P Ritter (Austria) 6-3, 6-2, A Coetzer (SA) bt B Rittner (Ger) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. Third round: S Graf (Ger) bt I Sawamatsu (Japan) 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.

NOTTINGHAM: Midland Bank national junior championships: Boys 14 and under: Quarter-finals: D Sherwood (Yorkshire) bt K Harbott (Middlesex) 6-2, 0-6, 6-3, D Kieran (Durham and Cleveland) bt A Wakefield (Nottinghamshire) 6-4, 6-2, M Hilton (Cheshire) bt D Belcher (Cheshire) 2-6, 6-1, 6-3; S Dickson (Cheshire) bt S Rhodes (Surrey) 6-2, 6-0. Girls 14 and under: Quarter-finals: L Cartwright (Warwickshire) bt L Herbert (Herefordshire) 7-5, 6-4, S Lydon (Somerset) bt H Collin (Surrey) 6-2, 6-3, C Aldridge (Hampshire and Isle of Wight) bt J Cunliffe (Durham and Cleveland) 6-3, 6-1, L Davison (Durham and Cleveland) bt R Hutchins (Surrey) 6-3, 6-1. Girls 18 and under: Quarter-finals: L Jelfs (Oxfordshire) bt J Choudhury (Cambridgeshire) 6-3, 6-4; J Dawson (Sussex) bt L Ogan (Warwickshire) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; Z Mellis (Essex) bt H Richardson (Northamptonshire) 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, K Roubanova (Berkshire) bt T Callow (Middlesex) 6-3, 7-5. Boys 18 and under: Quarter-finals: L Milligan (Middlesex) bt A Ostenreith (Kent) 6-1, 6-2; C Bennett (Hereford and Worcester) bt P Martin (Avon) 6-1, 6-4, N Jones (Hereford and Worcester) bt M Ingham (Lancashire) 7-5, 4-6, 7-5, M Lee (Sussex) bt S Crabtree (Dorset) 6-3, 6-3

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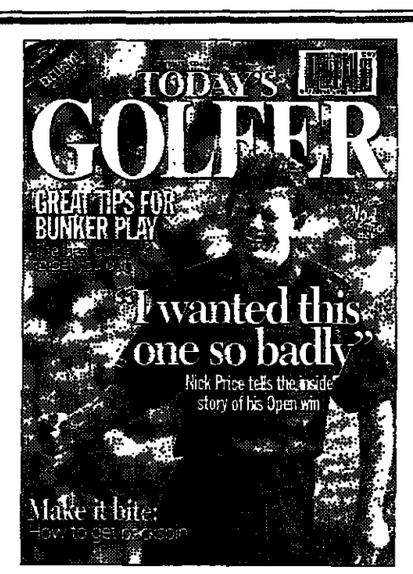
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THE OVAL: England v South Africa

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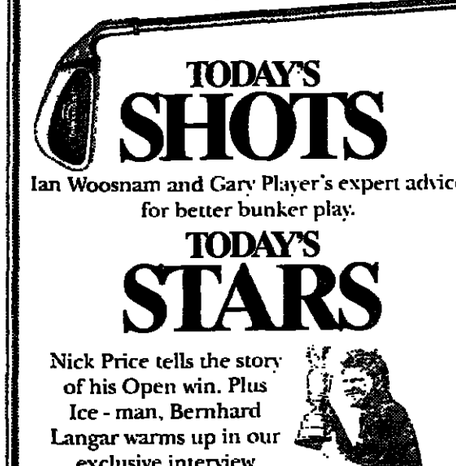
OTHER SPORT

FOOTBALL: Bord Gais National League Cup: Section F: St Patrick's Ath v Shamrock Rovers (7.30).
GOLF: Murphy's English Open (Forest of Arden).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Stones Bitter Championship: Workington v Leeds (7.30). Rugby League Alliance: First division: Halifax v Oldham (7.30); Salford v Wakefield Trinity (8.0); Warrington v Hull (8.0), Wigan v Featherstone Rovers (7.30). Second division: Barrow v Sheffield (7.30), Huddersfield v Batley (7.30).
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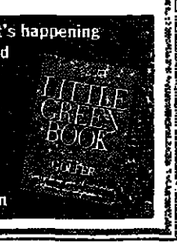
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Batsmen fail to impress in manner of champions

BY IVO TENNANT

LEICESTER (first day of four: Leicestershire won toss): Sussex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 135 runs behind Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE'S standing in the county championship is attributed to their seamers and a worthiness that has been disparaged from time to time this season. Their batting has generally been cohesive, but it was not yesterday.

Leicestershire's innings of 192 was workaday batting by, dare one say it, a workaday side. Whatever Leicestershire's performances say about the standards in the championship this year, their success has put counties with more gifted players to shame. Nine points behind the leaders with a match in hand, Leicestershire have four fixtures to come — all of them against opponents in the lower half of the table.

One of the reasons why it is hard to think of Leicestershire in terms of becoming champions is that, in spite of a considerable increase in membership, Grace Road remains utterly devoid of vibrancy or a sense of expectation. There is not much need to stake a claim to a seat in the manner of a German arriving before breakfast to grab the best sunbed.

So how is it that Leicestershire come to be on the verge of winning the championship without an Illingworth or a Lock to repel more gifted opposition? Their present captain receives more publicity through teaching Prince William, whom he calls "a smashing lad", but, as befits a schoolmaster, he is both an authoritative and sagacious leader. And, in his fortieth year, Briers can still bat.

The pitch on which he chose to take first innings was lively enough without having quite the same steep bounce that so disconcerted the South African captain earlier this month. Hemmings bowled as tidily as anybody on it, but the faster bowlers were always more likely to come up with what the commentators tend to call "a wicket-taking ball".

The one with which Giddins had Simmons taken at cover from a leading edge would have accounted for many an opener. Other batsmen contributed to their own dismissals. Hard though it is to imagine, Briers was among their number. Having worked the ball around the square in his customary diligent manner, he was two short of a half century when he aimed to square drive Jarvis and was taken at the wicket.

Wells, another unsung performer, came in and struck Giddins for three fours in four balls, but that was about the only memorable passage of play before bad light brought an end soon after 6pm. Whitaker may not be the batsman he once was, but he has been in form of late and this was an untimely day for him to go down with 'flu. His replacement, Boon, also went to Jarvis and the middle order contributed all too little.

Ben Smith was taken by his namesake as he made to fend off a rising ball from Stephenson, who looked waspish enough to be deserving of a new contract, even at the age of 35. Maddy tried to uppercut Jarvis over the slips in the manner of a Greig or a Knott 20 years ago and was held at third man. Giddins, whose approach to the wicket was laboured yesterday, nevertheless finished off the tail.

Sussex found batting to be no easier than Leicestershire. Athey was soon struck on his left elbow by Millns and had to retire because he was unable to grip his bat properly. His replacement, David Smith, was leg-before to Parsons offering no shot. On this kind of pitch, cut to ensure that a dull draw would be the least likely result, it was wholly unadvisable.



Jarvis: success



JULIAN HERBERT

Devon Malcolm in full flight on his return to the England side in the third Test against South Africa at the Oval yesterday. Report, page 40

Carr enjoys stand-in role

BY SIMON WILDE

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex have scored 340 for five wickets against Northamptonshire

THE news for the afternoon arrival at Northampton yesterday was dramatic. Apparently, Mike Gatting had got a ton before lunch. Only upon further inquiry did it emerge that he had allegedly achieved this not at the County Ground but during his dash up the M1 from the Oval.

Had Gatting been able to bat in his usual position of No 3, he might well have scored a century in the first session, because conditions were against the bowlers to an absurd degree. Not only did the pitch offer them little assistance, it was set at one end of the square, from where half the boundary was temptingly close.

Unfortunately for Gatting, he could resist everything except this temptation. Having reached the ground just in time for a brief lunch-time knock-up, and come in shortly afterwards at 114 for three following a free-flowing 77 from Roseberry, he joined Carr in assiduously working this run-rich area.

They had put on 94 in 20 overs when Gatting, no doubt with his eye on a big score, tried to turn another ball through midwicket, got a leading edge and gave a return catch to Ambrose.

The big score was thus left to Carr, who played superbly for an unbeaten 132 as Middlesex rattled along at almost four runs an over to reach 340 for five before bad light brought an early close. Carr did not put a foot wrong all day, having started by winning the toss on behalf of his absent captain.

Carr batted superbly for nearly five hours, driving and cutting strongly and handling with aplomb Ambrose's attempts to unsettle him with the short ball. He passed 1,000 first-class runs for the season and took his aggregate since he was last dismissed to 381.

Another England reject, Tufnell, will not have been encouraged by the punishment meted out to a fellow-spinner, Roberts, who conceded 71 runs in 15 overs.

Essex fail to capitalise on toss

BY PAT GIBSON

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (first day of four; Essex won toss): Essex, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 221 runs behind Somerset

THEY call this festival week at Clarence Park, but it was far from festival cricket as two counties who have not yet given up hope of the championship struggled for supremacy on what is euphemistically known as "a result wicket".

The pitch was so green that it was impossible to distinguish it from the rest of the square, and Paul Prichard, back in the Essex side for the first time since he broke a thumb in June, had not forgotten what he had to do when he won the toss.

In the event, things did not turn out quite as well as he had hoped. Essex bowled Somerset out, but not before they had battled their way to an improbable batting point. Then Essex found themselves batting in between two stoppages for bad light — not an enviable proposition against bowlers of the pace and hostility of Adrianus van Troost and Andrew Caddick, and had lost two wickets for five runs when the umpires offered them a merciful release.

The opening skirmish featured Mark Lathwell and Mark Ilott, England colleagues little over a year ago, but now fighting to re-establish their international credentials. It went to the batsman, Lathwell riding his luck against the seaming ball to make 61 out of 97, including 14 in one over from Ilott.

Ilott hit back in the afternoon by taking three wickets in 17 balls, but Essex were frustrated by Robert Turner, who held them up for 38 overs with his 19, and Harvey Trump, who made 33.

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Yorkshire threaten to disrupt Munton's title hopes

BY JACK BAILEY

SCARBOROUGH (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 304 for nine wickets against Warwickshire

UNTIL about 3.30pm, Warwickshire, strong pretenders to the championship, were roughly on course against Yorkshire, one from bottom in the table and, according to one local critic, lucky to be there. Then a more than promising half-day's work, which had brought Warwickshire five wickets for 175 runs and tied down Yorkshire to not much more than two an over, went awry. In the end, Warwickshire finished well-placed, but it was a nasty moment.

Peter Hartley joined Bradley Parker in a stand that not only added 94 in 24 overs, but, while it was happening, seemed fleetingly to change the whole demeanour of the two sides. Hitherto, Warwickshire had given the appearance of knowing exactly what they were doing and where they were going. Yorkshire were tentative, unsure of themselves.

A true but slowish pitch and accurate seam bowling by Small, Munton and Welch had been chiefly responsible for all but Vaughan finding runs hard to come by — and Vaughan was dropped before scoring. Byas survived for over three hours for his 57, but not until Parker, with his third half-century in successive matches, and Hartley, who threw his bat at most things and connected with nearly all of of them, did Warwickshire really know they had a match on their hands.

In making his highest first-class score, Parker, 24, looked a proposition. Yesterday, he was kept back until the fall of the fourth wicket, but he played with greater confidence than any who preceded him. He hit eight fours in his 50; Hartley hit nine in his. Both gave a good crowd something to cheer, although with the tail subsiding quickly, Yorkshire have achieved respectability but by no means dominance.

Furthermore, Warwickshire are in the habit of winning when Tim Munton is at the helm. With Reeve again absent, Munton did just about everything right except lose the toss. Yorkshire's first wicket, that of Moxon, fell to Munton himself, caught at silly mid-off from a shortish ball, the fielder having just been placed there for that very purpose. Then again Munton kept faith with young Graeme Welch's medium-pace wobblers, even when the stick was flying and Welch's reward was career-best figures of four for 69.

Gloucestershire, uplifted by the return of Courtney Walsh after a two-match absence, bowled out Lancashire for 172 at Old Trafford, where Walsh took three for 27 and Mark Alleyne improved his chances of completing the modern double of 1,000 runs and 50 wickets by capturing three for 28. An unbeaten 80 by Matthew Windows, a championship best, carried Gloucestershire to 139 for two.

Glamorgan, who need at least two more wins to have a chance of avoiding the wooden spoon, rallied from 77 for six to reach 286 at Hartlepool where Simon Brown, the Durham fast bowler, took a season's best six for 68.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Kent

DERBY (first day of four; Kent won toss): Kent have scored 387 for eight wickets against Derbyshire

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward b Warner	66
*M R Benson c Krikken b Cork	24
M J Walker lbw b Cork	0
C L Hooper lbw b Cork	0
N J Llong c Cork b Vandrau	19
M V Fleming c Rollins b Wells	48
M A Ealham c Bowler b Cork	64
†S A Marsh lbw b Cork	89
M J McCague not out	11
M M Patel not out	4
Extras (b 6, lb 14, w 5, nb 27)	52
Total (8 wkts, 105 overs)	387

T N Wren to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-97, 2-97, 3-97, 4-127, 5-157, 6-207, 7-346, 8-381.

BOWLING: Warner 17-5-50-1; Base 25-4-101-0; Wells 11-0-48-1; Cork 28-8-79-5; Vandrau 22-3-84-1; Barnett 2-0-6-0.

DERBYSHIRE: P D Bowler, A S Rollins, G J Adams, T J G O'Gorman, *K J Barnett, D G Cork, C M Wells, M J Vandrau, †K M Krikken, A E Warner and S J Base.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 3, Kent 4.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and P B Wight.

Hampshire v Surrey

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of four; Surrey won toss): Hampshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 14 runs ahead of Surrey

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell lbw b Connor	2
M A Butcher lbw b Connor	12
D M Ward c Aymes b Connor	0
A D Brown c James b Udal	76
A J Hollioake lbw b Udal	1
M A Lynch c Maru b Udal	2
A W Smith c Terry b Udal	4
†G J Kersey c Middleton b Udal	9
N M Kendrick not out	15
*M P Bicknell c Middleton b James	11
C E Cuffy lbw b James	1
Extras (lb 5, nb 10)	15
Total (65.1 overs)	158

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-2, 3-31, 4-34, 5-82, 6-48, 7-82, 8-129, 9-148.

BOWLING: Connor 19-5-49-3; Cowans 12-4-44-0; Udal 24-14-26-5; James 8.1-0-18-2; Maru 4-2-8-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton c Brown b Cuffy	0
V P Terry not out	84
G W White not out	57
Extras (lb 1, nb 22)	23
Total (1 wkt, 44 overs)	164

R A Smith, *M C J Nicholas, K D James, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, R J Maru, C A Connor and N G Cowans to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-2.

BOWLING: Cuffy 12-3-29-1; M P Bicknell 7-1-27-0; Kendrick 14-4-48-0; Hollioake 4-0-26-0; Smith 4-0-33-0.

Bonus points: Hampshire 4, Surrey 0.

Umpires: P Willey and V A Holder.

Durham v Glamorgan

HARTLEPOOL (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Durham, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 51 runs behind Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

M P Maynard lbw b Brown	5
*H Morris c Scott b Cummins	9
D L Hemp c Scott b Brown	3
A Dale c Bainbridge b Brown	17
P A Cottey b Walker	9
A J Dalton c Bainbridge b Wood	8
O D Gibson b Brown	46
R D B Croft c Scott b Brown	22
†C P Metson not out	40
S L Watkin c Bainbridge b Brown	8
S R Barwick lbw b Bainbridge	5
Extras (lb 4, w 2, nb 29)	34
Total (48.5 overs)	206

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-21, 3-29, 4-54, 5-54, 6-77, 7-136, 8-151, 9-188.

BOWLING: Cummins 16-2-62-1; Brown 18-4-68-6; Walker 9-2-37-1; Wood 5-0-31-1; Bainbridge 0.5-0-4-1.

DURHAM: First Innings

J I Longley lbw b Croft	52
M Saltelley lbw b Barwick	30
J E Morris c†Metson b Croft	57
*P Bainbridge bat pad	10
J A Daley b Barwick	1
S Hutton not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 2)	5
Total (4 wkts, 45 overs)	156

S J E Brown, †C W Scott, A C Cummins, J Wood and A Walker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-123, 3-152, 4-155.

BOWLING: Watkin 14-4-54-0; Dale 3-0-17-0; Barwick 14-5-41-2; Croft 14-3-49-2.

Bonus points: Durham 4, Glamorgan 2.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer.

Yorkshire v Warwickshire

SCARBOROUGH (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 304 for nine wickets against Warwickshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Welch b Munton	11
M P Vaughan c Davis b Small	39
D Byas c Lara b Davis	57
A A Metcalfe c Oester b Welch	12
†R J Blakey c Davis b Small	23
B Parker c Piper b Welch	62
P J Hartley c Welch b Smith	61
A G Wharf c Piper b Welch	0
R D Stemp b Welch	20
J D Batty not out	1
M A Robinson not out	0
Extras (lb 9, w 1, nb 8)	18
Total (9 wkts, 103 overs)	304

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-62, 3-90, 4-188, 5-175, 6-269, 7-289, 8-295, 9-303.

BOWLING: Munton 27-12-55-1; Small 18-5-32-2; Davis 15-6-53-1; Twose 5-1-15-0; Welch 20-9-69-4; Smith 18-3-51-1.

WARWICKSHIRE: A J Moles, R G Twose, B C Lara, D P Oester, T L Penney, G Welch, N M K Smith, †K J Piper, R P Davis, G C Small and *T A Munton.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 3, Warwickshire 4.

Umpires: H D Bird and G I Burgess.

Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire

KIDDERMINSTER (first day of four; Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 278 for seven wickets against Worcestershire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard lbw b Radford	32
*R T Robinson c Moody b Illingworth	67
G F Archer run out	49
J C Adams b Newport	8
P Johnson c Brinkley b Illingworth	4
C C Lewis not out	39
†W M Noon lbw b Radford	45
K P Evans c Edwards b Radford	11
G W Mike not out	1
Extras (lb 13, w 2, nb 7)	22
Total (7 wkts, 96.3 overs)	278

R A Pick and J E Hindson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-146, 3-168, 4-188, 5-178, 6-255, 7-271.

BOWLING: Radford 29-5-81-3; Brinkley 19-3-63-0; Leatherdale 7-2-24-0; Newport 18.3-4-38-1; Illingworth 23-9-61-2; D'Oliveira 5-1-18-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: *T S Curtis, M Church, T M Moody, G R Haynes, D A Leatherdale, D B D'Oliveira, P J Newport, R K Illingworth, N V Radford, J E Brinkley and †T Edwards.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 3, Nottinghamshire 2.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and T E Jesty.

Lancashire v Gloucestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Gloucestershire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 33 runs behind Lancashire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

S P Titchard lbw b Williams	1
M Harvey c Russell b Walsh	2
N J Speak c Russell b Alleyne	36
N H Fairbrother c Hodgson b Alleyne	49
G D Lloyd c and b Williams	23
I D Austin c Alleyne b Pike	22
*M Watkinson c Russell b Walsh	9
†W K Hegg lbw b Walsh	1
G Yates not out	19
P J Martin lbw b Alleyne	0
G Chapple c Ball b Pike	0
Extras (lb 3, nb 14)	17
Total (59.3 overs)	172

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-7, 3-75, 4-106, 5-116, 6-129, 7-135, 8-171, 9-171.

BOWLING: Walsh 17-7-27-3; Williams 15-4-40-2; Alleyne 13-4-28-3; Hancock 4-0-31-0; Pike 7.3-1-23-2; Ball 3-1-20-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright c Yates b Martin	7
M G N Windows not out	80
G D Hodgson c Fairbrother b Martin	26
R I Dawson not out	17
Extras (lb 5, nb 4)	9
Total (2 wkts, 47 overs)	139

M W Alleyne, † H C Hancock, †R C Russell, R C Williams, M C J Ball, *C A Walsh and V Pike to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-94.

BOWLING: Martin 9-2-23-2; Chapple 13-3-37-0; Watkinson 7-2-25-0; Austin 12-5-31-0. Yates 6-1-18-0.

Bonus points: Lancashire 0, Gloucestershire 4.

Umpires: A A Jones and B Dudleston.

Leicestershire v Sussex

LEICESTER (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss): Sussex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 135 runs behind Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

P V Simmons c Athey b Giddins	18
*N E Briers c Moores b Jarvis	48
T J Boon c Moores b Jarvis	17
V J Wells c Wells b Stephenson	33
B F Smith c Smith b Stephenson	14
D L Maddy c Stephenson b Jarvis	5
†P A Nixon not out	30
G J Parsons b Hemmings	9
D J Millns lbw b Giddins	0
A D Mullally b Giddins	0
M T Brimson run out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 11, w 1, nb 4)	17
Total (66 overs)	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-86, 3-93, 4-139, 5-140, 6-155, 7-175, 8-178, 9-182.

BOWLING: Stephenson 15-4-27-2; Jarvis 20-3-71-3; Giddins 18-5-64-3; Hemmings 15-9-18-1.

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham not out	29
C W J Athey retired hurt	15
D M Smith lbw b Parsons	0
*A P Wells not out	11
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (1 wkt, 17.1 overs)	57

M P Speight, †P Moores, F D Stephenson, E S H Giddins, P W Jarvis, I D K Salisbury and E E Hemmings to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-35.

BOWLING: Millns 9-2-35-0; Mullally 4-1-12-0; Parsons 4.1-1-8-1.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 0, Sussex 4.

Umpires: R Julian and G Sharp.

Northamptonshire v Middlesex

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex have scored 340 for five wickets against Northamptonshire

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes b Hughes	1
M A Roseberry c Fordham b Curran	72
M R Ramprakash c Ripley b Curran	30
J D Carr not out	132
*M W Gatting c and b Ambrose	29
†K R Brown c Ripley b Penberthy	42
P N Weekes not out	33
Extras (b 4, w 1, nb 7)	12
Total (5 wkts, 98.5 overs)	340

K J Shine, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell and M A Feltham to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-41, 3-114, 4-208, 5-291.

BOWLING: Ambrose 17.3-2-58-1; Hughes 12-1-49-1; Curran 18-4-56-2; Penberthy 21-2-85-1; Roberts 15-2-71-0; Bailey 5-0-25-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: A Fordham, R R Montgomerie, R J Bailey, *A J Lamb, R J Warren, K M Curran, A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, A R Roberts, C E L Ambrose and J G Hughes.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 2, Middlesex 3.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R Palmer.

Somerset v Essex

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (first day of four; Essex won toss): Essex, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 221 runs behind Somerset

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell c Hussain b Stephenson	61
M E Trescothick b Kasprowicz	15
R J Harden b Kasprowicz	18
P C L Holloway c Stephenson b Ilott	26
*A N Hayhurst c Gamham b Ilott	15
†R J Turner b Ilott	19
G D Rose c Hussain b Ilott	9
S C Ecclestone lbw b Stephenson	4
A R Caddick c Knight b Stephenson	1
† R J Trump run out	33
A P van Troost not out	6
Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 10)	17
Total (82.2 overs)	226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-97, 3-117, 4-143, 5-145, 6-160, 7-169, 8-173, 9-197

BOWLING: Kasprowicz 19.2-2-57-2; Ilott 28-8-67-4; Andrew 13-3-27-0; Stephenson 17-5-37-3; Such 5-1-14-0.

ESSEX: First Innings

N V Knight c Turner b van Troost	2
J P Stephenson c Rose b Caddick	1
J J B Lewis not out	0
N Hussain not out	2
Total (2 wkts, 6 overs)	5

*P J Prichard, R C Irani, †M A Garnham, M S Kasprowicz, M C Ilott, P M Such, S J W Andrew to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-3.

BOWLING: Caddick 3-0-4-1; van Troost 3-2-1-1.

Bonus points: Somerset 1, Essex 4.

Umpires: J W Holder and K J Lyons.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Fenner's: Buckinghamshire 178-6 dec and 272-5 dec (B S Percy 80, M J Roberts 64). Cambridgeshire 210-9 dec and 244-9 (N T Gadsby 53, S Turner 47; A R Clarke 6-121). Cambridgeshire won by one wicket.

Wednesday's late details

Kempton Park

Going: good to firm

6.35 (1m 4f) 1, Rolath Clover (A Whelan, 7-4); 2, Princess Emlyn (4-1); 3, Jeswis (11-10 fav). 4 ran. NR: Fleldridge, Shabunda. Nk, ¾. S. Dow. Tote: £2.80. DF: £5.10. CSF: £7.71.

7.05 (6f) 1, Divina Mia (M Hills, 12-1); 2, Hymnbook (7-2 fav); 3, Dancing Dawn (6-1). 21 ran. NR: Blushing Grenadier, Sue's Return. Nk, hd. C Dilks. Tote: £22.70; £5.30, £2.00, £2.40. DF: £140.70. CSF: £98.42.

7.35 (7f) 1, Baltic Raider (M Hills, 5-1); 2, Unanimous Vote (9-4 fav); 3, Eglise (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Hardy Dancer. 1¼l, ½l. G Wragg.

Tote: £8.00; £2.50, £1.70. DF: £7.50. CSF: £19.30.

8.05 (7f) 1, Double Flutter (R Hughes, 8-1); 2, Kingchip Boy (6-1); 3, Red Valerian (10-1); 4, Ziggy's Dancer (9-1). Little Rousillon 2-1 fav, 17 ran. NR: Jasdan. Nk, 1¼l. M Channon. Tote: £10.10; £2.90, £2.60, £2.60, £1.70. DF: £81.30. CSF: £82.91. Tricast: £480.10. Trio £91.50.

Placepot: £1377.20.

Quadpot: £48.80.

Hereford

Going: firm

5.58 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Asterix (Guy Lewis, 5-1); 2, Maggies Lad (16-1); 3, Fair Encherstress (14-1). Bonus Point 5-4 fav, 12 ran. NR: Final Ace, Vladivostok. 2l, 10l. J Bradley. Tote: £7.20; £1.90, £5.40, £2.90. DF: £28.60. CSF: £89.53. Vladivostok (12-1) withdrawn not under orders, rule 4 applies to all bets — deduct 5p in pound.

7.20 (2m 3f ch) 1, Rabs Riba (D Bridgwater, 6-4 jt-fav); 2, Court Repier (5-2); 3, Bantondale (33-1). Whitegate 6-4 jt-fav. 4 ran. 12l, dist. J Spearing. Tote: £2.30. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.30.

7.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Mytton's Choice (T Kent, 10-11 fav); 2, Fleur de Tel (8-1); 3, Poetic Fancy (12-1). 11 ran. 10l, 10l. A Bailey. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.90, £1.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.30.

8.20 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Sultan's Son (Mr D Parker, 7-2); 2, Friendly Fellow (100-30); 3, Lizzies Lass (5-2 jt-fav). Shimmering Scarlet 5-2 jt-fav. 5 ran. 20l, 6l. R Bridgwater. Tote: £8.00; £1.90, £1.70. DF: £7.60. CSF: £14.80.

Placepot: £108.30.

Quadpot: £69.80.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chester: 3.30 Prima Silk, 4.35 Star Quest, 5.10 Xylem. Sandown Park: 4.15 Mountain Reach, 4.50 The Multiyorker. Perth: 2.15 Tahitien.

Retirement beckons for Lochsong

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

LOCHSONG may have run her last race after failing to cope with the pre-race parade for yesterday's Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes at York and finishing last of the ten runners.

Rarely can a group one race have been clouded by so much controversy as Blue Siren, owned and trained by Lochsong's connections, finished first only to lose the race in the stewards' room. Michael Hills, the rider of Blue Siren, received a seven-day ban for irresponsible riding.

Piccolo was promoted to first place but the whoops of jo[illegible]minating from the owners of the Mick Channon-trained horse seemed eerily out of place as a stunned crowd tried to make sense of the sequence of events which had led to the downfall of Europe's champion sprinter.

A rule introduced this year by the Jockey Club, at the request of the British Horseracing Board, obliges racecourses to have a parade for group one races in which horses walk in front of the stands or canter down to the start at ten second intervals.

The idea behind the instruction is to allow spectators a proper chance to view the runners. It is questionable whether a parade is suitable for any thoroughbred, let alone sprinters who are temperamentally unsuited by such a staged event.

Lochsong, who normally goes down to the start of a race before any other runner, failed to handle the parade before the July Cup at Newmarket and her reaction yesterday was even more drastic.

She was upset coming out of the paddock, banged herself against some railings and by the time she reached the track she was close to boiling point. Despite Frankie Dettori's efforts, he was unable to settle the mare and for the best part of three furlongs she ran flat out towards the start.

"When she saw the other horses that was it. I tried to go as slowly as I could, but the filly was upset. Sprinters are trained to run from the minute you let them go. There should not have been a parade. She probably broke the course record going down," Dettori said. "She had burnt herself out and I was beaten after a furlong of the race."

In the immediate aftermath of the race there was confusion as to whether the York stewards could have granted Lochsong dispensation to be the first horse to go to the start.

Ian Balding, her trainer, said he had enquired but had been informed by an official she would have to parade. Patrick Hibbert-Foy, the stewards' secretary at York, said the stewards could have allowed Lochsong to go down last.

However, David Pipe, the Jockey Club spokesman, insisted last night the York stewards could have given permission for Lochsong to go down to the post before any other horse. He highlighted part of the instruction which states "any horse which is likely to upset the other runners by its behaviour may be placed in such a position as the stewards may decide."

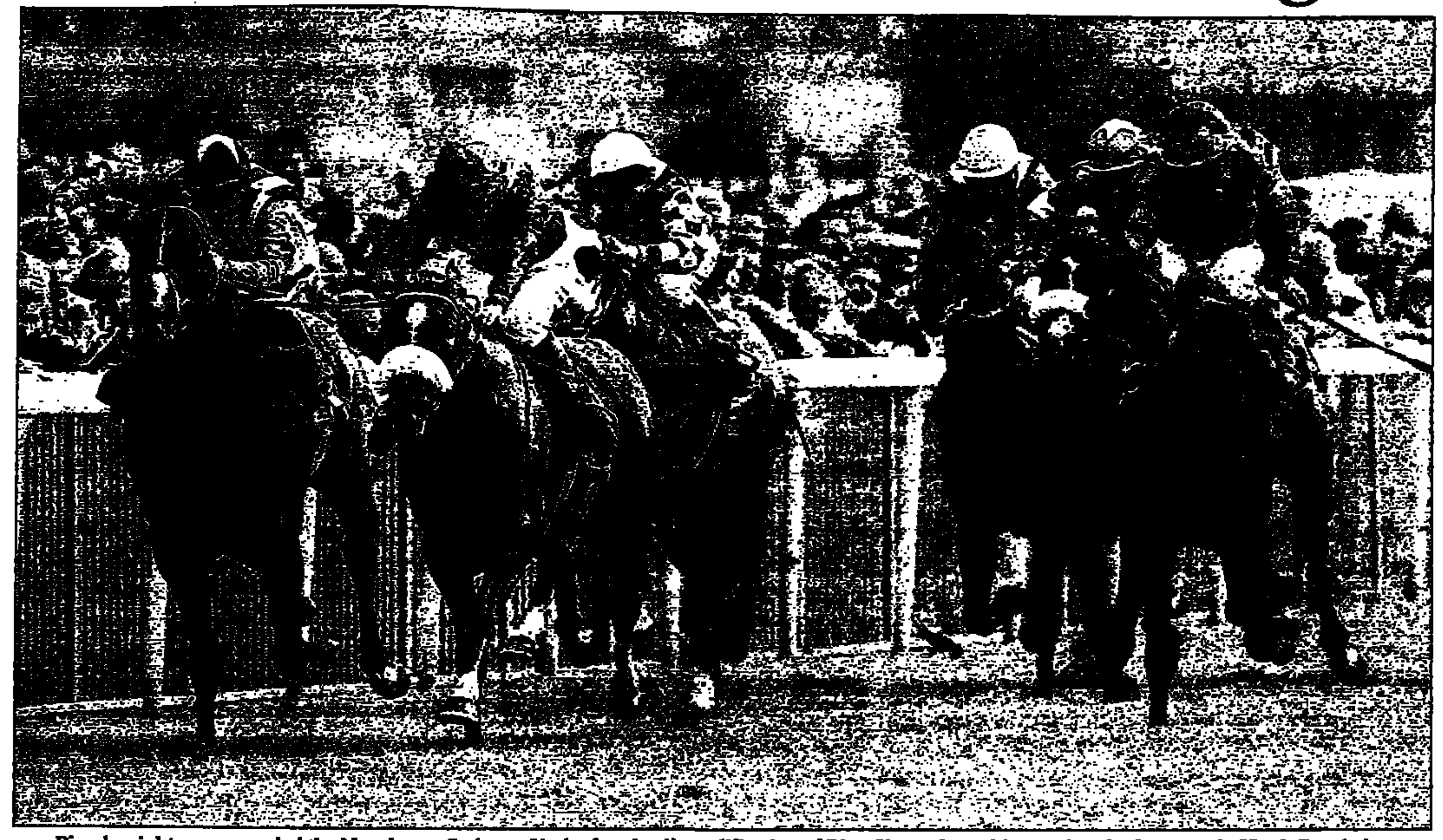
Whatever the rights and wrongs surrounding the interpretation of the rule, the real issue which must be addressed is whether parades should be mandatory, especially for sprints.

Jeff Smith, the owner of Lochsong and Piccolo, was in no doubt. "It is appalling. They should ban parades for sprinters and I think they should ban parades in general.

"Lochsong went down faster to the start than she did coming back. She was frustrated in the sense that she wants to run flat out and once she is frustrated she sulks and that is what happened. It is terrible not only for me but for everyone here hoping to see a true champion."

Meanwhile, Smith and Balding must decide what the future holds for the nation's most popular Flat horse. The plan had been to go for the Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp and then the Breeders' Cup.

However, Balding said: "She ran totally below her form and I would hate that to happen again. It would be a disaster and I would have to be 100 per cent happy she was all right in every way. It would not surprise me if we take a decision to retire her now."



Piccolo, right, was awarded the Nunthorpe Stakes at York after the disqualification of Blue Siren, sheepskin noseband. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SOTOBOY
(3.40 Sandown Park)
Next best: Amidst
(3.30 Chester)

Flying Harayir gives hint of classic promise

By Julian Muscat

HARAYIR assumed pride of place among Shaikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum's two-year-old string with an authoritative victory in the Talkland Lowther Stakes over six furlongs at York yesterday.

Held up in last place off a pedestrian early gallop, Harayir shattered the confidence of her five opponents with her blistering acceleration. She swept from last to first within six strides to leave the distinct impression she is well up to classic standard. Coral's post-race 1,000 Guineas quote of 16-1 will not last long.

There is much to admire about this daughter of Gulch, a American-based son of the potent Mr Prospector. Although she is as physically impressive as she is fast, Harayir, a granddaughter of the Irish Oaks winner, Give Thanks, is bred to get at least a mile.

As Angus Gold, racing manager to Shaikh Hamdan, said: "We may have a few problems keeping our two-year-old fillies apart, but Harayir would be the sharpest of them. I suppose the Cheveley Park Stakes is the next logical target."

An interesting pointer here was the performance of Gay Gallanta, the Queen Mary winner who finished second, beaten three lengths. Gay Gallanta is a stable companion of Red Carnival, who narrowly lowered Harayir's colours in the Cherry Hinton Stakes. Their trainer, Michael Stoute, has been reluctant to compare them, but he has always talked glowingly of Red Carnival. A further clash between Red Carnival and Harayir will surely settle the domestic two-year-old fillies' championship, notwithstanding the withdrawal of Robert Sangster's much-touted Flowerdrum from yesterday's contest.

Another touted juvenile to make his debut was Charnwood Forest who, after a sloppy start, ran a perfectly respectable second, at three lengths, to the more experienced Green Perfume in the Moorstyle Convivial Maiden over six furlongs.

Before the race, Henry Cecil, who trains the son of Warning, had been keen to play down reports of the colt's purported prowess. He meant what he said. No trainer feels the defeat of a fancied horse more profoundly, yet Cecil was in remarkably good spirits immediately afterwards as he scanned allcomers, in his own inimitable way, for their choice of ties.

"It went exactly as I suggested," Cecil said of Charnwood Forest. "In another month, and over seven furlongs, he'll be a nice horse. I thought he ran a beautiful race today."

Luca Cumani has an exceptional record in the Galtres Stakes, which he landed for the fifth successive year when Noble Rose outgalloped Yenda for a comfortable victory. As with Only Royale, the Cumani-trained Yorkshire Oaks winner, Noble Rose is now poised for a lucrative autumn campaign.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
2.00 Sound The Trumpet. 2.35 Ringmaster. 3.10 Gleam Of Light. 3.40 Lovely Millie. 4.15 **TARTHOOTH (nap)**. 4.50 Neatstep. 5.25 Towering Talent.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 **GLEAM OF LIGHT (nap)**. 3.40 Lovely Millie. 4.50 Neatstep.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM   DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST   SIS

2.00 REALLY USEFUL & POLYDOR RECORDS NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,124: 5f 6yd) (7 runners)

101 (2) 1332 SOUND THE TRUMPET 40 (D,G) (J David Abell) J Berry 9-7 ... J Carroll [88]
102 (1) 212 VALERIE 13 (D,F) (C Oxley) J Payne 9-5 ... R Cochrane 86
103 (6) 0511 BOLD FRONTIER 7 (V,D,G) (K Ivory) K Ivory 9-0 (5ex) ... G Duffield 93
104 (5) 341P44 IN LOVE AGAIN 9 (D,F,G) (W Ponsonby) M Channon 8-11 ... J Stack (7) 97
105 (4) 531226 EXOSAL 24 (D,F) (A Perry) G Lewis 8-4 ... A Whelan (7) 98
106 (3) 05082 TARN LANE 13 (Mrs K Hall) R Whitaker 7-13 ... J Quinn 89
107 (7) 450 DEARDAW 63 (Miss D Kerr) M Usher 7-7 ... C Adamson (7) 80

Long handicap: Deardaw 7-3.
BETTING: 7-2 Exosal, 4-1 Bold Frontier, 9-2 Valerie, 5-1 Tarn Lane, Sound The Trumpet, 6-1 In Love Again, 8-1 Deardaw.

1993: BRAVE EDGE 8-9 Pat Eddery (4-1) R Hannon 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOUND THE TRUMPET 1½l 2nd of 4 to Fard in conditions race at Beverley (5f, good to firm). VALERIE 6l 2nd of 8 to Quiz Time in conditions race at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). BOLD FRONTIER beat Branston Kristy 4l in 13-runner seller at Southwell (AW, 5f). IN LOVE AGAIN best effort beating EXOSAL (1lb better off) head in 8-runner handicap at Folkestone (5f, good to firm). TARN LANE 5l 2nd of 9 to A Million To One in maiden auction at Haydock (5f, good). DEARDAW best effort 8¼l 4th of 6 to Golden Daneshill in maiden auction at Newbury (5f, good to soft).
Selection: SOUND THE TRUMPET (nap)

2.35 CATS 13th YEAR HANDICAP (C4)
(3-Y-O: £5,537: 1m 14yd) (12 runners)

201 (6) 3-1340 PORPHYRIOS 43 (S) (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 8-7 ... A Clark 95
202 (10) 2-11504 HESELL STREET 22 (D,F,G) (P Silver) L Cumani 9-5 ... J Reid 95
203 (9) 5-21680 BLURRED IMAGE 6 (F,S) (N Ahamad) R Hannon 9-3 ... Pat Eddery 90
204 (11) 101011 ROBSERA 39 (D,F) (D Barker) G Lewis 9-1 ... Paul Eddery 94
205 (2) 061130 LUNAR MISSION 21 (D,F,S) (R and S Partnership) J Eustace 8-12 ... R Cochrane [88]
206 (4) 41-3440 DONTFORGET INSIGHT 76 (G) (T Neill) P Cole 8-12 ... W Carson 93
207 (8) 1-01506 BLAIR CASTLE 18 (D,F,G) (Highflyers) I Balding 8-11 ... M Hills 97
208 (1) 6-33105 STORM NYMPH 16 (C,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 8-10 ... W R Swinburn 91
209 (12) 014083 RINGMASTER 11 (BF,S) (D Fisher) M Tompkins 8-7 ... P Robinson 94
210 (5) 6136 MANSSAI 28 (BF,S) (Shaikh A Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 8-6 ... L Dettori 96
211 (7) 011223 BIRD OF TIME 23 (D,G) (N Clark) J Dunlop 8-4 ... B Thomson 94
212 (3) 523100 MOUNT LEINSTER 53 (B,D,G,S) (M & N Plant) R Simpson 7-7 ... A Mackay 94

Long handicap: Mount Leinster 7-2.
BETTING: 5-1 Hesell Street, 6-1 Robsera, Manssai, 7-1 Bird Of Time, 8-1 Blair Castle, Storm Nymph, 10-1 Ringmaster, 12-1 Mount Leinster, 14-1 others.

1993: KASSBAAN 8-13 W R Swinburn (9-1) A Scott 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

PORPHYRIOS 4½l 4th of 27 to Wizard King in handicap at Royal Ascot (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start with BLAIR CASTLE (3lb better off) head 5th. HESELL STREET (1lb better off) about 8½l 15th and ROBSERA (4lb worse off) 3l 15th. HESELL STREET 4l 4th of 19 to Allez Cyrano in a handicap at Goodwood (7f, firm). BLURRED IMAGE best effort when about 5l 6th of 9 to Crazy Paving in conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good). ROBSERA beat Tanbih 1¾l in a 14-runner handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm). BLAIR CASTLE about 2l 6th of 12 to Howard's End in a handicap at Ripon (1m 1f, good). MANSSAI best effort beating Sight'N Sound 4l in a 5-runner maiden at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to soft).
Selection: PORPHYRIOS

3.10 STARLIGHT EXPRESS ROLLER MILE (C4)
(Listed race, fillies and mares: £10,601: 1m 14yd) (13 runners)

301 (3) 12612-4 ANDROMAQUE 114 (D,G,S) (Dr C Steffing) R Charlton 4-9-4 ... W Carson 96
302 (4) 11-U0 GLATISANT 13 (G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-9-1 ... M Hills 88
303 (5) 416-460 BELLA BALLERINA 80 (G) (Helena Springfield) M Stoute 4-9-0 ... W R Swinburn 89
304 (8) 1-34222 ELRAFA AH 24 (C,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-12 ... R Hills 98
305 (7) 23-1000 LADY FAIRFAX 65 (D,S) (B Gover) R Boss 3-8-12 ... W Ryan 94
306 (1) 052-410 PALANA 34 (D,F,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-8-12 ... R Cochrane 90
307 (2) 05150 CALL OF THE NIGHT 58 (D,F) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 3-8-8 ... W Newnes 85
308 (12) 131032 DEVOTEE 11 (D,BF,F,G) (Bloomsbury Stud) P Walwyn 3-8-8 ... Paul Eddery 79
309 (10) 11 GLEAM OF LIGHT 28 (F) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 3-8-8 ... Pat Eddery [88]
310 (11) 32-2514 INSOZI 7 (BF,G) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-8 ... D Holland 85
311 (6) 2-140 LADY LODGER 18 (D,BF,S) (Hesmonds Stud) M Prescott 3-8-8 ... G Duffield 88
312 (13) 303-130 NICE WELCOME 20 (F) (M Wachall) R Guest 3-8-8 ... J Carroll 98
313 (9) 1-20 ZAMA 65 (G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-8 ... L Dettori 94

BETTING: 9-2 Gleam Of Light, 5-1 Elrafa Ah, 6-1 Lady Fairfax, 7-1 Glatisant, 8-1 Andromaque, Zama, 10-1 Nice Welcome, 12-1 Bella Ballerina, 14-1 others.

1993: LAP OF LUXURY 4-9-1 M Tebbutt (20-1) W Jarvis 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANDROMAQUE head and 2l 3rd of 11 to Elacata in group II Prix Comte & Evry (1m 2l 110yd, good to soft). Best effort last term 2nd of 7 to Talented in the group II Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft). ELRAFA AH 1½l 2nd of 10 to Blue Siren in listed race at Goodwood (7f, firm). LADY FAIRFAX best effort 4l 7th of 15 to Las Meninas in group I 1000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good). PALANA beat Bintalshaali 1½l in 14-runner listed handicap at Ascot (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. GLEAM OF LIGHT beat Kayvee 1¼l in 4-runner conditions race at Chester (7f 122yd, good to firm). ZAMA 2½l 2nd of 6 to Sacrament in conditions race at Epsom (1m 114yd, good to firm) penultimate start.
Selection: LADY FAIRFAX

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Prescott	5	20	25.0	Pat Eddery	55	281	19.6
D Loder	3	12	25.0	W R Swinburn	29	177	16.4
J Gosden	18	81	22.2	W Ryan	8	50	16.0
Mrs L Siddall	3	14	21.4	L Dettori	27	173	15.6
R Boss	4	19	21.1	W Carson	29	224	12.9

3.40 SUNSET BOULEVARD SOLARIO STAKES (C4)
(Group III: 2-Y-O: £20,760: 7f 16yd) (8 runners)

401 (1) 41131 STATOM 69 (S) (A Balzarini) M Channon 9-2 ... A Munro 85
402 (6) 114 FAHAL 43 (D,BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 8-11 ... W Carson 89
403 (7) 0231 LIPIZZANER 20 (G) (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11 ... D Harrison 87
404 (3) 512043 PETOSKIN 7 (S) (Kennet Valley Farms) R Hannon 8-11 ... B Raymond 98
405 (5) 216442 SONIC BOY 11 (BF,S) (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 8-11 ... D Holland 97
406 (8) 11 SOTOBOY 29 (F) (Mrs M Hollis) P Harris 8-11 ... R Cochrane 97
407 (4) 631 TWILIGHT SLEEP 9 (D,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 82
408 (2) 1114 LOVELY MILLIE 45 (F,G) (Godolphin) D Loder 8-9 ... L Dettori [88]

BETTING: 7-2 Lovely Millie, 4-1 Sotoboy, 5-1 Petoskin, 6-1 Sonic Boy, 8-1 Lipizzaner, Fahal, 10-1 Twilight Sleep, Statom.

1993: ISLAND MAGIC 8-11 K Fallon (2-1) Mrs J Ramsden 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

STATOM beat Blu Tusmani ½l in group III 12-runner Criterium Di Roma at Capannelle (6f, soft). FAHAL 3¾l 4th of 8 to Fleet Hill in a listed race at Newmarket (7f, good). LIPIZZANER beat Amo 1¼l in an 8-runner maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). PETOSKIN 1½l 3rd of 6 to Lamarqara in listed race at Newbury (7f, good). SONIC BOY ½l 2nd of 8 to Ikaab in conditions race at Windsor (6f, good to firm). SOTOBOY completed double, beat Emerging Market 3½l in 5-runner conditions race at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). TWILIGHT SLEEP beat Green Perfume 1½l in 12-runner maiden at Salisbury (7f, good). LOVELY MILLIE 2¾l 4th of 7 to Red Carnival in group III Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good to firm).
Selection: LOVELY MILLIE

4.15 PHANTOM STAYERS HANDICAP (C4)
(£3,696: 2m 78yd) (19 runners)

501 (8) 112-600 COLERIDGE 119 (B,D,F,G) (P Sheehan) J Sheehan 6-9-10 ... K Rutter (3) 92
502 (12) 023241 CHUCKLESTONE 10 (D,F,G) (M O'Connor) J King 11-9-9 (4ex) ... R Hughes 90
503 (15) 313232 THUNDERHEART 9 (D,F) (Fittocks Stud) L Cumani 3-9-2 ... L Dettori 96
504 (1) 55341 ELA MAN HOWA 49 (C,F) (Arlington Bloodstock) R Akehurst 3-9-0 ... A Clark 92
505 (6) 000-060 SO SAUCY 79 (F,S) (Clarendon Park Stud) B Meehan 4-8-9 ... R Cochrane 91
506 (13) 000311 TARTHOOTH 10 (F,G) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) C Benstead 3-8-8 (4ex) ... W Carson [88]
507 (15) 65-2433 PASSING PLAYER 15 (Mrs D Abbott) J Hills 3-8-7 ... M Hills 94
508 (3) 2/02135 KEEN VISION 20 (F) (C Osborne) D Arbuthnot 6-8-6 ... B Doyle (3) 92
509 (2) 000-356 SCUD MISSILE 9 (S Posford) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-6 ... J Reid 95
510 (9) 503452 FRUITFUL AFFAIR 16 (F) (Mrs J Ellis) T Thomson Jones 5-8-4 ... Stephen Davies (3) 93
511 (17) 64603-0 TOUCHING TIMES 16 (D,F,S) (M Orpen-Palmer) P Howling 6-8-2 ... T Williams 90
512 (10) 00/0-006 LOFTY DEED 13 (B) (Broughton Insulation) W Musson 4-8-0 ... A McGlone –
513 (4) 0006-43 SIMPLY 27 (G) (P Gibbons) R O'Sullivan 5-7-13 ... J Quinn 92
514 (19) 001004 DINNER AT EIGHT 27 (G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-7-10 ... G Bardwell 93
515 (5) 0-00845 MOUNTAIN REACH 29 (V) (R Warman) L Holt 4-7-9 ... Iona Wands (7) 94
516 (14) 0-05532 NOBLE SOCIETY 13 (P Rickard) M Usher 6-7-8 ... C Adamson (7) 87
517 (11) 000335 AMIARGE 18 (Miss D Woods) M Brittain 4-7-8 ... J Lowe 96
518 (7) 0-00030 BARCHAM 2 (F) (D Wilson) D Wilson 7-7-8 ... A Mackay 87
519 (18) 0/00666- SINGING DETECTIVE 9J (V) (Mrs H Mills) R Phillips 7-7-7 ... N Adams 86

Long handicap: Singing Detective 6-7
BETTING: 4-1 Tarthooth, 6-1 Thunderheart, 7-1 Chucklestone, 8-1 Ela Man Howa, 10-1 Noble Society, Keen Vision, 12-1 Simply, Dinner At Eight, 14-1 others.

1993: SUN GREBE 3-9-2 Pat Eddery (9-2) J Dunlop 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHUCKLESTONE beat Star Rage neck in a 5-runner handicap at Bath (2m 1f, good to firm). THUNDERHEART head 2nd of 11 to Star Rage in a handicap at Beverley (2m, good to firm). ELA MAN HOWA beat Minster's Madam 1¼l in an 8-runner claimer here (1m 6f, good to firm). TARTHOOTH completed double, beat Minnesota Viking 5l in a 6-runner handicap at Yarmouth (1m 6f, good). PASSING PLAYER 3l and short-head 3rd of 6 to Recluse in rated maiden at Brighton (1m 4f, good to firm). FRUITFUL AFFAIR 1¼l 2nd of 10 to Norma's Lady in a handicap at Nottingham (2m, good to firm), with AMIARGE (2lb better off) 2¾l 5th and TOUCHING TIMES (4lb better off) 64½l 10th. SIMPLY two necks 3rd of 14 to Marabha in a handicap at Warwick (1m 7f, good to firm) with DINNER AT EIGHT (4lb better off) 3½l 4th.
Selection: TARTHOOTH

4.50 AMAZING JOSEPH DREAM CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,441: 1m 1f) (12 runners)

601 (9) 14631 NEATSTEP 14 (G,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 8-11 ... M Hills [88]
602 (7) 110-600 KING CURAN 11 (F,S) (B Maguire) M Bell 8-6 ... M Fenton (3) 96
603 (2) 00- PATRICE 366 (M & N Plant Ltd) R Simpson 8-6 ... B Doyle (3) –
604 (5) 166602 SUNDAY NEWS'N'ECHO 35 (B,G) (F Kalla) P Kelleway 8-6 ... Pat Eddery 94
605 (3) 000432 SHANSI 13 (V) (T Barker) M Usher 8-3 ... R Street 52
606 (8) 44004 HAYDON HILL 23 (S Wingfield Digby) C Cyzer 8-1 ... T Williams 85
607 (4) 062020 THE MULTIYORKER 11 (B,F) (Multiyork Ltd) M Tompkins 8-1 ... P Robinson 95
608 (12) 0-06202 SAWTID 10 (F) (J R Leisure) D Morris 7-13 ... Stephen Davies (3) 81
609 (1) VALINCO (Ken Butler) S Dow 7-13 ... N Adams –
610 (10) 0-00032 PREJON 17 (Bob Joseph) G Lewis 7-11 ... A Whelan (7) 69
611 (6) 0 DEAR SALSE 9J (T Parrott) R Curtis 7-9 ... J Lowe –
612 (11) 403045 ROCKSTINE 23 (J Morton) P Mitchell 7-9 ... G Bardwell 75

BETTING: 3-1 Neatstep, 7-2 Sunday News'N'echo, 5-1 The Multiyorker, 7-1 Sawtid, 8-1 King Curan, Prejon, 10-1 Shansi, 12-1 others.

1993: REGALSETT 3-8-10 J Reid (5-1) M Pipe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

NEATSTEP beat Mister Beat 2l in 8-runner claimer at Haydock (1m 2f 121yd, good). KING CURAN best effort this season 10l 8th of 11 to Mystic Hill in handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to firm). SUNDAY NEWS'N'ECHO ¾l 2nd of 9 to Mon Rouge in claimer at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). SHANSI 2¼l 2nd of 12 to River Junction in a handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 1f 100yd). HAYDON HILL 5¾l 4th of 7 to Indian Express in a claimer at Epsom (1m 114yd, good to firm), with ROCKSTINE (5lb better off) 1½l 5th. THE MULTIYORKER 1l 2nd of 6 to Prizefighter in a handicap at Newmarket (1m, good) on penultimate start. SAWTID best recent effort when 2l 2nd of 10 to Prizefighter in apprentices' handicap here (1m, good to firm) with PREJON (9lb worse off) 1¾l 3rd.
Selection: NEATSTEP

5.25 NORMA DESMOND HANDICAP (£3,664: 5f 6yd) (13 runners)

1 (13) 002103 FARFELU 15 (B,CD,F,G) (J O'Malley) W Muir 7-10-0 ... J Carroll 95
2 (3) 030030 TAKADOU 34 (B,D,F) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 3-9-11 ... D Harrison 95
3 (7) 3-3631 TOWERING TALENT 22 (F) (J Smith) D Elsworth 3-9-9 ... W Newnes 95
4 (5) 00-4010 HOPE HALL 69 (D,F) (D Clee) R Whitaker 6-9-8 ... W Carson [88]
5 (12) 312134 JOIN THE CLAN 14 (F) (J Redden) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-8 ... L Dettori 97
6 (9) 400400 BELLS OF LONGWICK 6 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Wickham) D Laing 5-9-2 ... T Williams 96
7 (10) 000-064 ARAGROVE 31 (D,F,G) (D Parkes) J Payne 4-9-1 ... J Reid 92
8 (4) 35550U WINSOME WOOSTER 16 (CD,S) (Miss A Rawding) P Murphy 3-8-12 ... M Hills 95
9 (8) 353544 PATSY GRIMES 16 (D,G,S) (J Grimes) L Holt 4-8-12 ... A McGlone 95
10 (2) 126653 LOVE LEGEND 14 (D,F,G,S) (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 9-8-12 ... A Munro 94
11 (1) 604122 FOLLOWMEGIRLS 9 (D,F,G) (Exors of late J Martin) Mrs A King 5-8-7 ... D Holland 96
12 (6) 413510 BRIGHT PARAGON 3 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (D Cooper) H Collingridge 5-8-2 (7ex) ... M Hills 97
13 (11) 0-00000 BLACKROCK HERO 17 (D Phillips) R Akehurst 3-7-7 ... N Adams 90

☐ Trainer states Bells Of Longwick runs only if overnight rain
Long handicap: Blackrock Hero 7-3
BETTING: 5-1 Followmegirls, 6-1 Farfelu, 7-1 Takadou, Towering Talent, Join The Clan, 8-1 Aragrove, 10-1 Bells Of Longwick, 12-1 Love Legend, 14-1 others.

1993: EDUCATED PET 4-8-11 B Doyle (10-1) M Johnston 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

FARFELU about 1l 3rd of 8 to Very Dicey in handicap at Bath (5f, good to firm). TAKADOU about 2l 3rd of 7 to Inside Trader in handicap at Chester (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. TOWERING TALENT beat Tovarich 1¼l in 10-runner maiden at Salisbury (6f, firm). HOPE HALL beat Ralnab 4l in 8-runner apprentices' maiden handicap at Beverley (5f, good to firm). JOIN THE CLAN best effort beating Miss Aragon ¾l in 16-runner handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). ARAGROVE about 4¾l 4th of 8 to Go With Bo in handicap at Folkestone (5f, good to firm). WINSOME WOOSTER best effort neck and neck 3rd of 14 to John O'Dreams in a handicap at Bath (5f 161yd, good), with HOPE HALL (2lb better off) about 3½l 7th and LOVE LEGEND (same terms) ¾l 8th. BRIGHT PARAGON beat FOLLOWMEGIRLS (6lb better off) 1½l in 9-runner handicap over course and distance (good) penultimate start.
Selection: TAKADOU

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Sotoboy to shine in Solario

SANDOWN PARK
C4

2.35: Robsera is on the upgrade but has been raised a total of 11lb for his last two victories. A more interesting prospect is Ringmaster, who is near his peak after an unsuccessful stint at six furlongs. Nevertheless, **Manssai**, an unexposed colt, catches the eye here. Since winning his maiden over nine furlongs, the son of Mr Prospector has raced at ten furlongs and looks an attractive proposition back at a mile. The handicapper seems to have caught up with Hessel Street, Lunar Mission and Bird Of Time.

3.10: Gleam Of Light, twice a winner at Chester, could be anything but preference is for her stable companion, the equally promising **Zama**. This Zilzal filly has plenty of scope and her Royal Ascot failure should be ignored. Zama is better judged on her second to Sacrament at Epsom in June. Glatisant was disappointing on what was essentially her seasonal debut at Haydock recently. Any rain would suit Andromaque. However, she has been off the track for four months. Elrafa Ah, denied a clear run at Goodwood, is probably better over shorter distances.

3.40: Lovely Millie, a precocious sort, steps up to seven furlongs here after failing to land a blow at Red Carnival last time. She will have her supporters but **Sotoboy** appeals as the likely winner. He looked sure to appreciate this trip when beating Emerging Market and can preserve his unbeaten record. The improving Sonic Boy looks a more serious treat than either Fahal or Twilight Sleep. He chased home the speedy Ikaab last time.

4.15: It will be interesting to see what Reg Akehurst makes of Ela Man Howa, whom he claimed six weeks ago. However, even with improvement, Ela Man Howa will struggle to overcome **Tarthooth**. The son of Bob Back is hardly overburdened with a 4lb penatly for a clear-cut Yarmouth verdict and a first attempt at two miles should be within his range. Thunderheart, a model of consistency, is always vulnerable to a finishing kick.

JULIAN MUSCAT

CHESTER

THUNDERER
2.30 Pickles. 3.00 Amin. 3.30 Amidst. 4.00 Nagnagnag. 4.35 Norma's Lady. 5.10 Absolute Magic.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 **NAGNAGNAG**.

GOING: GOOD   DRAW: 6F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST   SIS

2.30 WIRRAL APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,762: 1m 2f 75yd) (8 runners)

1 (1) 1015 PICKLES 28 (C,D,BF,F,G) A Bailey 6-10-0 ... Richard Edwards (8) 97
2 (6) -450 DELPIOMBO 7 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-9-3 ... C Scally 88
3 (8) -634 COLLEGE DON 14 M Bailey 3-9-0 ... J Edmunds 92
4 (2) 6066 HEART OF SPAIN 13 (CD,G,S) P Bevan 4-8-10 ... D Denby 98
5 (7) 0526 IN A MOMENT 15 (V,G) S Norton 3-8-5 ... A Eddery (5) 98
6 (3) 4003 FLASHELLA 13 J Hetherton 4-7-10 ... A Lakeman [88]
7 (5) 3041 BRONZE RUNNER 2 (B,D,F,G) S Mellor 10-7-7 (6ex) ... A Daly 91
8 (4) -552 AWFULLY RISKY 7 P Evans 3-7-7 ... C Scudder 88

6-4 Pickles, 4-1 Bronze Runner, 5-1 In A Moment, 6-1 College Don, 8-1 Flashella, 12-1 Heart Of Spain, 14-1 others.

3.00 EBF GREY FRIARS MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,264: 7f 2yd) (15)

1 (1) 6222 AMIN 28 G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 ... G Carter [88]
2 (12) BARBARA'S JEWEL A Bailey 9-0 ... S Whitworth –
3 (8) 6 DODDINGTON FLYER 14 R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks 90
4 (2) 06 FORESTAL 9 M W Easterby 9-0 ... L Charnock 74
5 (5) 6 GLOSSATOR 18 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 ... K Fallon 71
6 (15) 6 GREEN'S WOOTTON 14 M Bell 9-0 ... M Fenton (3) 82
7 (13) HONG KONG DESIGNER S Norton 9-0 ... G Hind –
8 (3) MONARCH P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn –
9 (6) MOUNTGATE M Bielby 9-0 ... J Fortune –
10 (14) REX MUNDI W Brisbourne 9-0 ... S Maloney –
11 (9) 4 SHERAZ 43 G Wragg 9-0 ... K Darley 90
12 (11) SOCIAL REGISTER H Thomson Jones 9-0 ... N Carlisle –
13 (4) 0 WITCH HUNT 55 L Cumani 9-0 ... J Weaver 77
14 (10) 60 CATCHARAINBOW 11 K McAuliffe 8-9 ... J Tate (3) 66
15 (7) 6045 HEY UP DOLLY 13 J Berry 8-9 ... L Piggott 68

3-1 Sheraz, 7-2 Monarch, 4-1 Amin, 7-1 Witch Hunt, 8-1 Social Register, Green's Wootton, 12-1 Doddington Flyer, 14-1 Hey Up Dolly, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 16 winners from 54 runners, 29.6%; M Stoute, 14 from 56, 25.0%; R Hannon, 15 from 64, 23.4%; M Blanshard, 3 from 15, 20.0%; P Cole, 10 from 52, 19.2%; G Wragg, 4 from 24, 16.7%.
JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 3 winners from 14 rides, 21.4%; T Quinn, 10 from 52, 19.2%; L Piggott, 4 from 27, 14.8%; D Wright, 4 from 31, 12.9%; K Darley, 6 from 53, 11.3%; K Fallon, 6 from 53, 11.3%.

3.30 EASTGATE RATED HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £8,182: 7f 2yd) (13)

1 (13) 5-10 MINSTREL'S GIFT 24 (F) J Gosden 9-7 ... G Hind 88
2 (1) 1211 WIZARD KING 63 (D,F,S) M Prescott 9-2 ... W Woods 93
3 (11) 0053 RANDONNEUR 18 (V,F,G,S) E Weymes 9-2 ... J Fortune 93
4 (10) 2100 ISTINSAAR 6 (BF,G) A Scott 9-2 ... J Tate (3) 89
5 (2) -410 NIZAAL 83 (D,G,S) H Thomson Jones 9-1 ... N Carlisle 90
6 (8) -020 MISS KRISTIN 76 (D,G) W Jarvis 9-0 ... M Tebbutt 89
7 (4) 0504 PRIMA SILK 18 (B,F) M Ryan 8-10 ... G Carter 93
8 (9) 0036 POLISH ADMIRAL 18 (F) C Wall 8-9 ... K Fallon 94
9 (3) 2100 CAMERON HIGHLAND 63 (G) P Cole 8-9 ... T Quinn 96
10 (5) -002 CO PILOT 43 (BF,G) M Jarvis 8-8 ... J Weaver 89
11 (7) 5001 AMIDST 8 (F,G) M Stoute 8-7 (3ex) ... K Darley [88]
12 (12) 3545 PYRAMUS 11 Mrs L Piggott 8-7 ... L Piggott 93
13 (6) 010- HILL FARM KATIE 363 (G) W Brisbourne 8-7 ... A Garth (5) 80

3-1 Wizard King, 5-1 Minstrel's Gift, 6-1 Amidst, 7-1 Nizaal, 8-1 Istinsaar, 10-1 Randonneur, Miss Kristin, 12-1 Cameron Highland, 14-1 Co Pilot, 16-1 others.

4.00 COMBERMERE FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,243: 6f 18yd) (6)

1 (5) 1021 NAGNAGNAG 7 (D,G,S) J Berry 8-11 ... P Roberts (7) [88]
2 (3) 0130 PHAR LITE 14 (D,G) R Hannon 8-11 ... G Carter 89
3 (1) 21 REGAL FANFARE 23 (D,F) J Hills 8-11 ... K Darley 77
4 (4) 10 C-YER-SIMMIE 74 (G) R Hollinshead 8-8 ... A Garth (5) 69
5 (6) 512 PRINCESS SADIE 58 (F) M Channon 8-8 ... J Weaver 83
6 (2) 22 WESTERN REEL 13 (BF) P Cole 8-8 ... T Quinn 88

6-4 Western Reel, 5-2 Nagnagnag, 5-1 Phar Lite, 6-1 Regal Fanfare, 14-1 others.

4.35 BLACK FRIARS HANDICAP
(£4,997: 1m 7f 195yd) (8)

1 (5) 601- ZAJIRA 125J (S) Mrs J Ramsden 4-10-0 ... J Fanning 93
2 (1) 0024 WELSHMAN 10 (CD,F,G,S) M Blanshard 8-9-11 ... K Fallon 97
3 (2) 1021 STAR RAGE 9 (D,F,G) M Johnston 4-9-10 (5ex) ... J Weaver 98
4 (3) -340 TAROUDANT 9 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-7 ... K Darley 97
5 (6) 5353 TURRET 10 W Hern 3-8-7 ... T Sprake 95
6 (8) 0000 STAR QUEST 35 (B,D,B,S) J Jenkins 7-8-5 ... T Quinn 95
7 (4) 3231 NORMA'S LADY 16 (D,F) G Wragg 3-8-4 ... F Norton 95
8 (7) 0862 CROWTHER HOMES 21 E Alston 4-7-10 ... N Varley (5) [88]

9-4 Star Rage, 3-1 Norma's Lady, 7-2 Welshman, 6-1 Turret, 8-1 Taroudant, 10-1 Crowther Homes, 12-1 others.

5.10 RED DEER HANDICAP (£5,764: 7f 2yd) (11)

1 (5) -035 XYLEM 27 (V,D,S) J Gosden 3-9-13 ... G Hind 92
2 (6) 4013 ABSOLUTE MAGIC 9 (CD,F,S) W Haggas 4-9-12 ... L Piggott 93
3 (1) 2101 SHIKARI'S SON 15 (D,F,G) J White 7-9-12 ... T Quinn 93
4 (10) 5500 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 58 (D,G,S) M Channon 4-9-7 ... R Painter (5) 91
5 (2) 3221 HELIOS 13 (D,F) N Walker 6-9-0 ... G Carter 93
6 (11) 0636 DEBSY DO 16 (D,F,G) S Norton 5-8-13 ... J Fortune 89
7 (7) 3010 BATTLE COLOURS 13 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-11 ... K Fallon 98
8 (3) 0311 HIGHBORN 56 (D,G) P Felgate 5-8-11 ... K Darley 91
9 (9) 0560 THORNTON GATE 14 (B,D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 5-8-5 ... S Maloney 92
10 (4) 0211 MILOS 29 (D,F,G) T Naughton 3-8-1 ... W Woods 93
11 (8) 0043 VANESSA ROSE 41 A Bailey 3-7-12 ... D Wright (5) [88]

3-1 Absolute Magic, 7-2 Xylem, 5-1 Shikari's Son, 6-1 Helios, 7-1 others.

PERTH

THUNDERER
2.15 Tahitian. 2.45 Rapid Mover. 3.20 Muskora. 3.50 Clever Folly. 4.25 Miss Mah-Jong. 5.00 Chummy's Saga.

GOING: GOOD   SIS

2.15 ABTRUST ATLAS GOLD NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,190: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

1 /45- ADDINGTON BOY 188 G Richards 6-11-0 ... N Doughty
2 BALNIBARBI 83F T Dyer 5-11-0 ... A Maguire
3 055- CARIBBEAN SURFER 205 J Goldie 5-11-0 ... F Perratt (5)
4 P00- TAHITIAN 15F (B) N Tinkler 5-11-0 ... M Dwyer
5 ELA BILLANTE 72F J J O'Neill 4-10-6 ... R Dunwoody
6 3F- FUNNY ROSE 27F P Monteith 4-10-6 ... A Dobbin

6-4 Balnibarbi, 2-1 Tahitian, 6-1 Addington Boy, 8-1 Ela Billante, Funny Rose, 14-1 Caribbean Surfer.

2.45 ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NOVICES CHASE (£2,992: 2m) (5)

1 F0P- BROWN SAUCE 165 (F) J White 8-11-0 ... A Maguire
2 510- RAPID MOVER 22F (F) D Nolan 7-11-0 ... N Doughty
3 PPB- RICH NEPHEW 128 (F,G,S) V Thompson 9-11-0 ... B Storey
4 5-0S LIABILITY ORDER 11 (S) M Hammond 5-10-11 ... P Niven
5 2F-6 SWIFT CONVEYANCE 6 (F,G) W Kemp 5-10-6 ... R Dunwoody

4-5 Liability Order, 3-1 Swift Conveyance, 5-1 Brown Sauce, 10-1 Rich Nephew, 14-1 Rapid Mover.

3.20 GAYMER'S OLDE ENGLISH DRY CIDER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,868: 2m 4f 110yd) (2)

1 40-1 MUSKORA 13 (F,G) P Hobbs 5-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
2 460- THE GREEN FOOL 101 (D,F,G,S) V Thompson 7-11-9 ... Mr M Thompson

1-2 Muskora, 6-4 The Green Fool.

3.50 ABERDEEN TRUST PLC HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,355: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 1-12 CLEVER FOLLY 6 (D,BF,F,G,S) G Richards 14-11-10 ... N Doughty
2 1F1- ALWAYS REMEMBER 80 (C,D,F,G) P Hobbs 7-11-4 ... Peter Hobbs
3 54P- BARKISLAND 76 (CD,G,S) P Beaumont 10-11-1 ... Mrs A Farrell
4 /40- REGAN 102 (G,S) J Johnson 7-10-13 ... A Maguire
5 00P- CHARMING GALE 100 (F,G,S) (CD) Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-10 ... A Dobbin
6 034- LITTLE GENERAL 95 (F) V Thompson 11-10-0 ... B Storey

5-4 Always Remember, 2-1 Clever Folly, 6-1 Barkisland, Regan, 10-1 others.

4.25 ABERDEEN PEP MORTGAGE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,190: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 3 MISS MAH-JONG 21 (BF) J White 11-2 ... A Maguire
2 BEE DEE BEST 4F Miss L Perratt 11-1 ... R Dunwoody
3 MILNE'S A VILLAIN T Dyer 10-11 ... Peter Hobbs
4 SAKURA 4F M Hammond 10-8 ... D Bentley (3)
5 SUPERHOO 16F C Thornton 10-7 ... D Wilkinson
6 ASTROLOGY 16F N Tinkler 10-2 ... M Dwyer
7 P ORLA 21 J O'Neill 10-2 ... A Roche (5)

9-4 Bee Dee Best, 11-4 Miss Mah-Jong, 7-2 Superhoo, 5-1 Sakura, 6-1 Astrology, 16-1 Milne's A Villain, 33-1 Orla.

5.00 ABTRUST FUND MANAGERS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,148: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 240- RED TEMPEST 139 J Goldie 6-11-0 ... F Perratt (5)
2 CHUMMY'S SAGA 29F L Lungo 4-10-11 ... T Reed
3 0- ELI PECKANPAH 183 R Fisher 4-10-11 ... A Maguire
4 SMART IN SILK G Richards 5-10-9 ... N Doughty

11-10 Chummy's Saga, 5-2 Smart In Silk, 7-2 Red Tempest, 6-1 Eli Peckanpah.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 9 winners from 25 runners, 36.0%; L Lungo, 7 from 22, 31.8%; M Hammond, 17 from 63, 27.0%; Miss L Perratt, 10 from 43, 23.3%; P Hobbs, 7 from 35, 20.0%.
JOCKEYS: P Niven, 24 winners from 79 rides, 30.4%; Peter Hobbs, 10 from 35, 28.6%; M Dwyer, 20 from 90, 22.2%; N Doughty, 20 from 95, 21.1%; F Perratt, 4 from 24, 16.7%; A Dobbin, 7 from 43, 16.3%.

Bin Nashwan cheers Brittain

CLIVE Brittain, the Newmarket trainer, saddled his first two-year-old winner of the season when Bin Nashwan landed the EBF Wellington Pier Maiden Stakes at Yarmouth yesterday.

"I think Bin Nashwan is something special and he could be supplemented for the Dewhurst Stakes," Brittain said after his charge had defeated Iblis by a comfortable five lengths.

Bin Nashwan was ridden by Brett Doyle, who was recording his 94th career winner. He requires only one more before he loses his claim.

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Pragmatist building his palace of dreams

THE POWER PLAYERS

RON NOADES Crystal Palace

Simon Barnes visits suburban south London as he concludes his series on those seeking a place for their clubs in English football's elite



Ron Noades, the Crystal Palace chairman, surveys Selhurst Park, where he plans to construct a great stadium with a team to match. Photograph: Adrian Brooks

Fans with cheque books — that is the traditional notion of the football club director. To buy into a football club is a sort of self-administered reward. Fun, fame and the public demonstration of power could hardly be had on more reasonable terms.

It is generally a reward for the self-made man, often, for some reason, a man who has made good in building. If you suspect at times that buying into football is prompted by their realisation that they have always led rather dull lives, well, not a man of them will agree.

But the point is that they come into the game as fans: as amateurs. They declare loudly that football is not like a normal business. They jovially throw money about and then, often enough, it all goes horribly wrong. And the next fan steps in to "save the club" and "restore it to its former glory".

> 'Football is a business. There is no place for any emotion'

Football is set about with emotion and dreams of glory, and the attributes that made the fan or builder's fortune — hard-nosed, an eye for costs, an understanding of price — seem often to be happily discarded at the first whiff of embrocation. Not so with Ron Noades.

Noades is a cold fish, and if "fan" is a contraction of "fanatic", he is no fan. "I've been running a football team since I was 11," he said. "When I knew I wasn't going to make it as a professional footballer, I became a referee." Anyone who diagnoses from this that Noades likes to be in charge is completely right. Especially when it comes to football.

Noades is that rare thing, a football chairman with a Football Association coaching badge. He is outwardly deprecating about that, saying it is out of date and unimportant. But it is a badge of something besides football coaching. It singles out Noades among football club chairmen, shows him for what he is, or sees himself as: the badge of a pro in a land of amateurs.

He used to do the scouting with the former Crystal Palace manager, Steve Coppell: "Then we stopped, and Steve bought a number of players himself, and we lost a bloody fortune. I said, I'm not buying any more players unless I see them."

He stopped being a referee when a lung illness precluded all sporting pursuits. So he pursued sporting control. He joined the non-league club, Southall. The Sunday after watching his first game, he was in charge. He later bought Wimbledon for a sum that comes tripping off the tongue with the merest affectation of difficulty: £2,768. He then moved to Crystal Palace because local council involvement meant that there was no long-term future for Wimbledon's ground. (Wimbledon now ground-share at Selhurst Park, paying rent to Crystal Palace.)

His boyhood response to football was unequivocal. "My ambition has always been linked to football," he said. "I always believed I could run a club a lot better than it was [being run]. I had no respect for the way they did things."

The business of football turns on one crucial point: the relationship of results to income. Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, likes to talk about plumbers: "If you have 24 plumbing businesses and run them all well, you have 24 successes. But if you had 24 well-run football clubs, you'd have a half-a-dozen successes, half-a-dozen disasters and a dozen so-sos."

Noades is in an interesting position. Crystal Palace have spent almost all of their existence wobbling on the fringes of success: never quite making it, never, despite a lemming-like streak, quite failing. "This club was never run properly," Noades said, with contempt. "It was a joke. It has all south London as its catchment area, it should be as big as Spurs or Arsenal, or bigger." But, of course, it is not, not by a long chalk. The club has been cursed by the word "potential". At one stage it was "the team of the Eighties". Palace, relegated two seasons ago, are now back in the top division.

The Noades gospel is about priorities. His basic thesis is that you cannot build a great team until you have built a great stadium. "But every supporter I've ever met believes you should build the team first, and use the profit to build the stadium," he said. "It doesn't work. As soon as you have built the team, you can't afford to pay them what somebody like Arsenal can. And so off the player goes."

Ian Wright, of course, did precisely that and shot to national prominence. The sale of Wright was a good move for the time, Noades said, but it reminds him forever of all that his club is not. Or not yet, as he would prefer to put it.

For Noades had drawn up plans to transform Selhurst Park into a 42,000-seat stadium a long way before the Taylor Report triggered off a tidal wave of stand-building. "I would have preferred that the Taylor Report didn't need to come, because I would have been catching up with Spurs and Arsenal and improving our income," he said. "But the Taylor Report gave everyone a kick up the backside, and instead of spending money on players, they've spent it on stands, which have given them greater income than they had before."

Noades has always been keen on off-pitch income. "The reason we are paying players the wages we are is because we get about £3 million a year off the pitch." His aim is to have a club that keeps its best players and competes with the mightiest.

"Without off-pitch income, you must sell your players to pay your way, and as soon as you do that you are just a nursery club," he said. "I believe that any football club can operate at break-even — if it wants to. A football club decides to pay its players more than it can afford, decides to spend more in the transfer market, decides to build a stand it can't afford. There's a lot of emotion in it."

Emotion is what football is about, but not what football finances are about. Noades claims to be immune to football's wild dreams: "I've got to be."

Whether that is his strength or his weakness, time will tell, but he doubts if the dream — or rather, the intricately and coldly plotted development scheme — of Palace as one of the country's leading clubs will happen in his lifetime.

"The greatest frustration in the game is the time and money it takes to build things," he said. The team of the Eighties to become the team of the Twenties? Noades certainly believes he is a professional, and one gifted with 2020 vision.

Kidderminster still positive

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

AGGBOROUGH, complete with 1,120-seat stand and 350-lux floodlights, stands ready to welcome a new season. That it will be a stage for GM Vauxhall Conference rather than Endsleigh League football still rankles with Kidderminster Harriers.

Kidderminster, last season's Conference champions, stayed put and ended seven seasons of automatic promotion to the League because their old stand did not have enough seats to satisfy their ground grading regulations at a deadline newly brought forward to December 31. Kidderminster, under David Reynolds, their energetic chairman, fought their case long and hard into the summer — and then rolled up their sleeves and got on with the building work.

"We've now got a ground of Football League standard built over the past four or five years at £1.25 million," Reynolds said. "It's as good as any in the Conference and as good as many in the third division." They were helped by £250,000 grant aid from the Football Trust, the purse strings loosed by much lobbying. "I think we showed the Government that there are clubs outside the Football League that have needs just as important as, if not more important than those in the League," Reynolds said.

The advocacy of Jonathan Hayward, chairman of Wolverhampton Wanderers, to the Football League management committee and discussions with Gordon McKeag, the Football League president, helped convince Reynolds that the League was getting the message, too. A positive gesture was the League's decision not to move the deadline forward even further, to August 31, as intended.

The task for Kidderminster now is to win the Conference again. "It's not been done, but then the Conference champions have been going up into League," Reynolds said. "We've got a well-balanced set-up. The quality is there. We've got last season's squad with their experience, two new signings and a couple of promising young players coming through."

If Kidderminster have made the jump into the A-grade, ready-for-League elite, Farnborough, seeking at the third attempt to establish themselves in the Conference, represent the great divide in the competition. Their struggle is to keep Cherrywood Road up to their league's standards: volunteer labour built the terracing in the summer. Unlike the other Conference newcomers, Stevenage Borough, they did not have the support of £1.5 million council money.

The signing that has set the Conference aflutter is that of Carl Alford, 22, who has gone from Macclesfield to Kettering Town for £25,000. It marks a positive statement of intent by Graham Carr, that prolific non-League talent-spotter, who has further remodelled his forward line by bringing in Matthew Edwards, from Brighton and Hove Albion, and Anton Thomas, from Corby Town. It may, at last, be their year.

Happiest travellers promise to be Leek Town, denied promotion to the Conference from the Northern Premier League, who begin the journey anew in the Beazer Homes League premier division. They lost long-serving manager Neil Baker, but begin the season in good heart. Michael Rowley, the secretary, said: "It's a chance to go to new places and make new friends."

One organisation that has no doubts about the value of the Conference is its sponsor, GM Vauxhall. Yesterday, they signed up for another four years — stretching their association to 12 years.

Celtic suffer record fine

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CELTIC were yesterday fined £100,000 by the Scottish Football League for illegally inducing Tommy Burns to become their manager last month. The fine, a record in Scotland, was imposed after a three-hour meeting of the league's management committee in Glasgow called after Kilmarnock, where Burns had been manager, complained of Celtic's behaviour leading up to his appointment on July in succession to Lou Macari.

The league will consider compensation for Kilmarnock, although Celtic may appeal against the decision. A complaint about the departure of Billy Stark, Burns's assistant at Kilmarnock, to Celtic was not upheld.

The Kilmarnock chairman, Bob Fleeting, said afterwards: "I feel sick in my stomach right now. Now we must wait and see what happens about compensation."

Meadowbank were yesterday fined £5,000 and deducted three points by the Scottish League for fielding their banned striker, Paul Rutherford, in two games this season.

Trevor Francis, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, has succeeded in his summer-long quest to sign the Tranmere Rovers defender, Ian Nolan. Francis had two £1 million bids for the 24-year-old rejected by the Prenton Park club, but a third offer of £1.5 million was accepted.

Francis lost both last season's first-choice full backs, with Roland Nilsson returning to Sweden and Nigel Worthington signing for Yorkshire rivals Leeds, but he has now replaced them both, with Nolan joining the Romanian international, Dan Petrescu, at Hillsborough.

John Deehan, the Norwich manager, was yesterday having talks with the Southampton striker, Iain Dowie, over a possible £1.5 million move. The out-of-contract Northern Ireland international travelled to Catrow Road to meet Deehan and could leave The Dell before the weekend.

Terry Yorath, the former Wales and Swansea City manager, returned to football yesterday as general manager of Cardiff City.

Wendy Toms will tomorrow become the first woman to officiate in a league match. Toms, 30, from Poole, will run the line in the third division match between Torquay and Carlisle at Plainmoor.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Coca-Cola Cup: First round, first leg: Brighton 2 Wycombe 1; Bristol Rovers 1 Port Vale 3; Darlington 2 Barnsley 2; Exeter 2 Swansea 2; Portsmouth 2 Cambridge Utd 0; Preston 1 Stockport 1.
SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Second round: Aberdeen 1 Stranraer 0; Arbroath 1 Rangers 6; Dundee 3 Caledonian Thistle 0; Dunfermline 4 Meadowbank 1; Hamilton 5 Clyde 0; Kilmarnock 4 East Fife 1; Queen of the South 0 Hibernian 3; Ross County 0 Raith 5; Stirling 0 St Johnstone 2. Third round draw: Hearts v St Johnstone, Partick v Aberdeen, Rangers v Falkirk, Raith v Kilmarnock, Motherwell v Airdrie, Hamilton v Dundee Utd, Hibernian v Dunfermline, Dundee v Celtic. Matches to be played August 30 or 31.

Pugh finds a way to discourage merger

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

VERNON Pugh, the chairman of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), has won a limited acceptance on amateurism from officials in Australia and New Zealand that would prevent a potential merger between the rival codes of union and league. It leaves, however, the debate over amateurism in rugby union in the melting pot.

Pugh, who is also chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union, has concluded three days of discussions in Sydney with both the southern-hemisphere countries. A primary motive for his trip was the restoration to union ranks of two former rugby league players, Brett Papworth in Australia and Brett Iti in New Zealand, in circumstances contrary to IRFB regulations.

"The seriousness with which the board views the current position and breaches of IRFB regulations have been made very clear to both the ARFU and the NZRFU," Pugh said. "At the same time, I have been given a full understanding of the particular problems faced by the two unions [threatened action in the civil courts over restraint of trade].

"Both unions have expressed their total opposition to any open-door policy as it relates to professional rugby league players moving between the two codes." That is not to say, though, that more league players will not return to active participation in union; two other former Australian internationals who turned to league, Acura Ninqila and Brad Burke, are now playing club rugby for Randwick and others closer to home — Stuart Evans, the former Wales prop, for one — seek to do exactly the same.

Pugh will report his findings to the IRFB working party on amateurism, which is due make recommendations to the next annual meeting of the board, in March. At that time, Pugh said in a recent statement, decisions taken "are likely to shape the nature and development of rugby worldwide for the foreseeable future".

Curran enjoying life in slipstream

FROM PETER BRYAN IN PALERMO

PAUL Curran, a double gold medal-winner for England on the road in the cycling events at the 1986 Commonwealth Games — he missed selection this time — will make his debut in the world motor-paced championship here today, at last fulfilling an ambition he has nursed for the last ten years.

In paced racing, at speeds well above 40mph, the rider is reliant on his pacer to "read" the race and decide the tactics. The 750cc motorcycle is fitted with a wide rear roller to allow the follower to take maximum shelter without risk of falling.

Curran's pacer, Joop Zeilard, communicates strategy to him by a series of coded hand signals. "My job is to sit there and pedal and follow his orders," Curran said, "and the only time it becomes a two-way communication is when I have to shout above the noise of the bikes to tell him to slow down."

The championship track is a good one for paced racing: long straights and gentle curves on a 400m "wall of death" circuit with 37-degree banking. Last winter, Curran had his first taste of international competition at Zurich, finishing fourth out of six.

"That's about my highest hope here," he said, "and it might be good enough to get me a few contracts in Europe. There's also the chance of racing on the new velodrome in Manchester when it opens for competition in October."

Curran experienced one of the dangers associated with this high speed event when his front tyre punctured during a training session on a track in Ghent.

"That tyre I used was my first investment, ten years ago, in paced racing," he said. "Had it been a blow-out it could have been disastrous. Fortunately, it was a slow puncture and after a few seconds I was able to regain control of the bike and ease down to the bottom of the banking and come to a stop."

Britain's last world championship medal-winner in this event was Joe Bunker, who took bronze in 1954.

Transported back to sport's golden age



FREUD ON FRIDAY

At Les Halles, which was to Paris what Covent Garden was to London: a fruit and vegetable market occupying so valuable a metropolitan site that it was rusticated to the suburbs and the area translated into a trendy assemblage of shops and restaurants — they used to sell soupe à l'ivrogne, drunkard's soup.

Revellers leaving the night-club of Montparnasse would make their way to the old market and perpetuate euphoria with a bowl of this nectar, fashioned by simmering sliced onion in butter until soft, adding champagne, decanting the oniony, buttery, vinous liquor into an ovenproof terrine that was anointed with thick slices of Camembert and baked until the cheese melted and became golden.

Covent Garden — before the metamorphosis — was frequented by outcasts of the Bag o'Nails, as an oasis of alcohol in a desert of nocturnal temperance.

As the market's 3.30am to 6.30am licence restricted service to traders, one paid half-a-crown for the loan of a porter's coat to slip over evening clothes and achieve eligibility.

In Sydney, I would like to recommend the all-night Cafe de Wheels in Woolloomooloo, where mushy pea "floaters" are served; this is maintained to be beneficial to settling surfeits of beer.

Markets and soup, then.

At the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden's piazza there is an exhibition exploring transport's connection with sport. It is sponsored by the New Covent Garden Soup Company and as a consequence the waiters at Tuesday's launch party offered red, white and green beverages: the first two being wine, the third spinach soup of exemplary quality.

One forgets, and the very point of museums is to make you remember, the debt that sport owes transport.

In the golden age between the wars the Underground Group, which became London Transport in 1933, sought to increase off-peak business by plugging sporting events and commissioning, for this purpose, posters from the great artists of the day.

Item: a poster for the Cup final on Saturday, April 24, 1924, at Wembley. (The day I was born, though probably best remembered by Geordies as the day Newcastle beat Aston Villa 2-0.) Eric Fraser's poster shows a linesman running at an angle of 45 degrees above the caption "Stations: Alperton. Bus 83. Wembley Park: Wembley: Wembley Hill or Wembley Stadium. Trolley Bus: 662. Buses: 11, 18, 18C, 83; also special service Aldwych to Wembley."

Item: Wimbledon and in equally large print. "Southfields station thence by bus." Thence was L.T.'s in word.

A placard gives names of stations, numbers of buses and trams for the rugby grounds of Wasps, Blackheath, Harlequins, Rosslyn Park, Guy's Hospital and London Scottish.

Another offers the hire of an open double-decker bus for the derby at Epsom: Price £21, including an on-course parking place ... or travel to Morden station, thence by bus every minute.

And it is sad that the fine artwork created to persuade passengers to visit greyhound race tracks now looks like a memorial to the fallen: of the seven, only Wimbledon survives. RIP Stamford Bridge, White City, Harringay et al.

In 1930, Paris Métro teams played London Underground at soccer and rugby. Five years later, there was a full soccer international between England and Germany at White Hart Lane — station: Manor House. England won.

We, the invited guests at the launch of this uplifting exhibition, moved around the wholly endearing museum admiring the beauty of the old trams, the majesty of polished wood metropolitan line railway carriages and horse-drawn buses, to which were attached more commercial endorsements than you find on today's grand prix drivers' jackets.

Inside these vehicles are life-size, lifelike models of passengers and staff: a Joan Collins clippie selling a ticket to the Ayatollah Khomeini. Jilly Cooper in a dark wig sitting next to Anthony Eden and, on the top deck, Lord Lucan. A clever ploy; not a man one connected with the public sector, Lucan wasn't.

A number 37A to Isleworth advertises the *Sunday Graphic*, has thin solid rubber tyres and a starting handle. A Greenline bus displays "Watford, London, Reigate" and a video of how it was flickers to the music of the tram car song:

"The seats are so small and there's not much to pay.

We sit close together and spoon all the way.

There's many a miss will be missus one day.

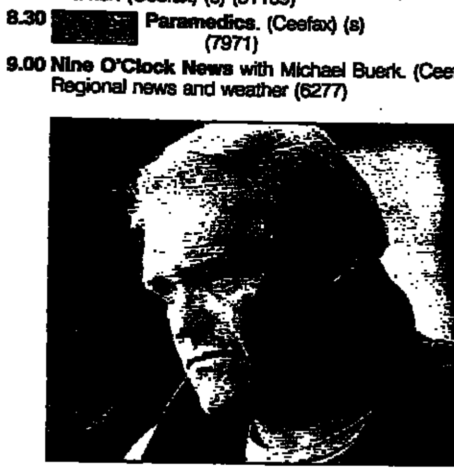
Through riding on top of a car."

By a restored 19th-century horse-drawn bus containing Jeffrey Archer looking sick is the information that until 1865 there were no fixed bus stops. Buses could be hailed or stopped at any place, on either side of the road.

As the money I had put into an adjacent parking meter was running out, I tasted a cup of good New Covent Garden summer tomato soup and would have shaken hands with my hosts ... but they had served large prawns and there was nowhere to put the tails.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (54161)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (63982906)
9.05 Dizzy Heights (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4230432) **9.30 Ipso Facto** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (64884)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2273567) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (6572722)
10.30 Commonwealth Games. Highlights of the opening ceremony of the 15th Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Canada (33548)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7176432) **12.05 Pebble Mill – Summer in the City**. Ross King presents the final show from the Birmingham Hippodrome (s) (2669258) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (25164258)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (63258) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (41019345)
1.50 Finishing School. A report on the fortunes of a group of young people who sat their A-levels last year (72542703)
2.20 The Flying Doctors. Medical drama set in the Australian outback. (Ceefax) (s) (6220109) **3.05 Greenfingers**. A look at a natural garden 900 feet about sea level, plus a look at a fruit garden and a colourful back yard (s) (2951819) **3.35 The Way of the Lakes**. Tony Warburton visits Buttermere (1558971)
4.00 Daffy Duck (7739074) **4.10 Rugrats** (r) (s) (9420074) **4.35 The Really Wild Show** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7520703)
5.00 Newsround (3885838) **5.10 Ship to Shore**. Comedy drama series (Ceefax) (s) (9655068)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (807277)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Jill Dando. (Ceefax) Weather (906)
6.30 Regional news magazines (258)
7.00 FILM: Moonwalker (1988). Michael Jackson's fantasy world complete with show-stopping dance routines and amazing special effects. Starring Joe Pesci, Sean Lennon, Kellie Parker and Brandon Adams. Directed by Colin Chilvers and Jerry Kramer. (Ceefax) (s) (51109)
8.30 Paramedics. (Ceefax) (s) (7971)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (6277)

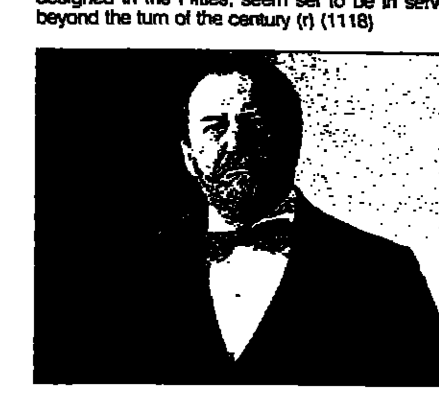


Brian Dennehy as John Wayne Gacy (9.30pm)

9.30 To Catch a Killer. The conclusion of the two-part drama telling the true story of America's most notorious serial killer, John Wayne Gacy, who murdered 33 young men during the Seventies, and of one man's determination to capture him. Starring Brian Dennehy. (Ceefax) (s) (33676635)
11.05 Cricket: Third Test. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the second day of the final Cornhill Insurance Test from the Oval between England and South Africa
11.35 Commonwealth Games Grandstand. Sue Barker introduces coverage of the action on the opening day of the games in Victoria, Canada. Includes highlights of the cycling events and the first medals to be decided on the shooting range (398635)
1.30am Weather (4889575). Ends at **1.35**

BBC2

6.20 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (1232242)
8.15 Pinocchio (r) (9719635) **8.40 Babar** (r) (6756161)
9.05 FILM: Lady Luck (1946, b/w) starring Barbara Hale as a woman with a long-standing aversion to gambling who agrees to marry an inveterate gambler (Robert Young) as long as he reforms. Directed by Edwin L. Marin (66815722)
10.40 A Week to Remember (b/w). Forty years ago this week (2214249)
10.50 Cricket: Third Test. Live coverage of the second day's play in the match at the Oval between England and South Africa (s) (67854258)
1.00 Open View (r) (17972513) **1.05 Miss-Takes**. With the aid of clips from the archives, John Pitman demonstrates Murphy's Law — if something can go wrong, it will (90722548) **1.20 Model Millie** (r) (s) (90630513)
1.35 Cricket: Third Test. Further live coverage from the Oval. Including at **2.00** and **3.00** News (Ceefax) and weather and at **3.50** News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (s) (1332093)
6.45 What the Magazines Say. Suzanne Moore of *The Guardian* takes a look at men's magazines (659513)
7.00 Perpetual Motion: Routemaster Bus. A look at London's famous red buses which, although designed in the Fifties, seem set to be in service beyond the turn of the century (r) (1118)



Proms founder Sir Henry Wood (7.30pm)

7.30 BBC Proms 94. Richard Baker introduces a tribute to the founder-conductor of the Proms, Sir Henry Wood, who died 50 years ago today. The BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs pieces including Vaughan Williams's *Serenade to Music* and the Funeral March from *Grania and Diarmid*, dedicated to Wood by Elgar. In the interval there is a film about the life of Sir Henry (s) (78057567)
9.35 Gardeners' World. Adrian Bloom looks at some lesser-known plants that have their roots in South Africa. (Ceefax) (s) (576797)
10.00 Steptoe and Son. Vintage comedy starring Harry H. Corbett and Wilfrid Brambell (r) (20906)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (799364)
11.15 Edinburgh Nights with Emma Freud (s) (118155) **11.55 Weather** (590613)
12.00 FILM: Knightriders (1981) starring Ed Harris as a modern-day self-styled King Arthur who tries to persuade his motorcycling followers to live under the same code of honour. However, the forces of evil are poised to strike. Directed by George A. Romero (Ceefax) (93060391). Ends at **2.35am**

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CHOICE

Which Way to the War
ITV, 8.30pm

A new sitcom pilot from David Croft and Jeremy Lloyd, creators of *Are You Being Served?* and *'Allo! 'Allo!*, takes us to the Libyan desert in the year 1942. Two Australian and two British soldiers are thrown together in a farmhouse in the middle of nowhere. Then into their midst comes a mobile Italian brothel (in disguise as a Red Cross ambulance) and a silly ass British officer. Croft is also renowned as co-writer of *Dad's Army* and *It Ain't Half Hot Mum*, and this show with its wartime setting and catchy theme song, has some of the same ingredients. But is it funny? Sadly the young, not-too-well-known cast cannot do much with their stereotyped characters, and the naughty-but-nice prostitutes add an unwelcome note of smuttiness to the already broad comedy.

Paramedics
BBC1, 8.30pm

An enlightening series ends tonight as Karen and Paul from the Northumbria Ambulance Service set out on a demanding night shift. The programmes have been nothing if not honest and we witness an embarrassing fiasco as the paramedics try and fail to find a four-car road accident. However we also see their professionalism as they deal with unpredictable situations ranging from a street incident involving a gun to an old man with a urine retention problem. One of the most affecting scenes shows a 14-year-old who has had an asthma attack on a bus. She is desperately upset, which only makes matters worse. As one of the paramedics points out, the skills they use most often are the basic ones, namely tender loving care.

Living Memory
Channel 4, 2.00pm

A new six-part series tells the story of one family living in the Vale of Berkeley, from 1930 to 1990. This is probably the most vivid kind of history lesson as we sit back and listen to 82-year-old Viney Pickernell's memories of working as a domestic servant in the 1930s. Despite the narrator's protestations that life was very hard indeed, Viney's sense of humour ensures that the recollections are never grim for long. She remembers her hopelessness at certain domestic chores, and recalls her wedding day when it poured with rain and "peanuts got everywhere". As the series goes on we can expect to hear about a Bill Haley tour in the 1950s and a family divorce in the Seventies, all in the context of the grand sweep of history.



Lea Anderson absorbed by Joan of Arc (C4, 8.00pm)

Tights, Camera, Action!
Channel 4, 8.00pm

This enterprising dance series continues to confound expectations. Tonight's show features presenter Lea Anderson in "Joan", a solo piece choreographed by herself and inspired by the mythical power of Joan of Arc. There is also a mesmeric Japanese work from choreographer Saburo Teshigawara. But the real highlights are Pascal Baes's stylish advertisements for New York's Paramount Hotel, featuring impossible human movements, and Anne-Teresa de Keersmaker's "Monologue". This last is hardly dance at all but consists of a close-up of a woman (Fumiyo Ikeda) shouting in French, her face contorting as the music invades. **Stephanie Billen**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00 GMTV (1404635) **9.25 Which Way?** Advice show for teenagers who have received their examination results (6404890)
10.20 ITN News headlines. (Teletext) (9716600) **10.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9715971)
10.30 FILM: Once Upon a Spy (1980) starring Ted Danson, Mary Louise Weller and Christopher Lee. After the theft of a massive NASA computer, a technical genius is coerced into the world of espionage by his boss in an attempt to recover the politically sensitive equipment. Directed by Ivan Nagy (56478567)
12.20 London Today (Teletext) and weather (7172616)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (3118364) **12.55 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (3020155) **1.25 Home and Away**. (Teletext) (16529987)
1.55 One in Five Million. There are five million women living in the Carlton region, each week Jeni Barnett visits the home of one of them (s)
2.25 A Country Practice (73256722) **2.50 Take the High Road**. Scottish drama series (9809364) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (1557364) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1556635)
3.30 The Magic House (r) (1488426) **3.45 Martin's Secret** (1589109) **4.00 Rubbish King of the Jumble** (s) (1158242) **4.15 Avenger Penguins** (r) (s) (9341513) **4.40 Eye of the Storm** (r). (Teletext) (s) (3645726)
5.10 After 5 with Fern Britton. (Teletext) (3731635)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (148161)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (138890)
6.25 London Tonight. (Teletext) (568548)
7.00 Body Heat. A nationwide search for the man and woman fit enough to become Body Heat Champions of 1994 (s) (4884)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (s) (838)
8.00 The Bill: Full Contact. Two thieves fall out over the woman of their dreams. (Teletext) (6432)

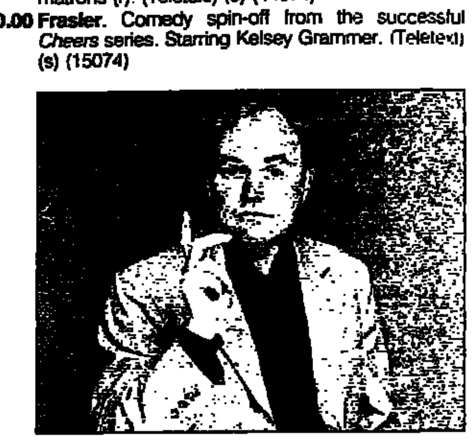


Simon Baker Denny, Nadia Sawalha (8.30pm)

8.30 Which Way to the War? (5567)
9.00 International Athletics. Jim Rosenthal introduces coverage of the Van Damme meeting from Brussels (5890)
10.00 ITN News at Ten with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (17432)
10.30 Richard Littlejohn – *Live and Uncut* with celebrity guests and music (93109)
12.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (4263933)
12.10am Whale On (s) (6797049)
1.15 ITV Chart Show (s) (6178730)
2.20 Gaz Top Non Stop. Gareth Jones stops off at the South West Custom and Classic Bike Show in Shepton Mallet (1237556)
3.25 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3938820)
4.00 Noisy Mothers (s) (63339)
5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (17778)
5.30 ITN Morning News (83662). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The California Raisin Show (r) (4313906)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (86109)
9.00 Pugwall. Adventures of a 13-year-old boy (r) (34109) **9.30 Wish Kid** (r) (5166364)
9.55 Saved By the Bell. American high school comedy series (r). (Teletext) (5078155)
10.25 Dog City. Another case for the canine detective (r) (3347155)
10.50 Betty's Bunch. Last in the series about a foster mother and her brood (r) (5998068)
11.20 Terrytoons. Classic animations (7328600)
11.45 Super Mario World (r) (3685161)
12.00 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage western (14345) Followed by **Kinsey Photographer**. Film of the turn-of-the-century logging industry, set to Virgil Thompson's "River Suite"
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (r) (70616)
1.30 NEW **Katie and Orbie**. Animated series about a child's first-time experiences (63109)
2.00 Living Memory (4838)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing From Sandown Park. John Francome introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.15 races (25529)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (451)
5.00 Travels With My Camera: Talking To Angels (r). (Teletext) (s) (1797)
6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based comedy series (r). (Teletext) (s) (616)
6.30 Happy Days. Comedy series set in 1950s Milwaukee. (Teletext) (628)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (238600)
7.50 You Don't Know Me But . . . Someone in the news receives some unsolicited advice (574258)
8.00 Tights, Camera, Action! (s) (4074)
8.30 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (3109)
9.00 Garden Club. Roy Lancaster, Matthew Biggs and Rebecca Ransom visit Cheltenham (Teletext) (9987)
9.30 The Golden Girls. More laughs with the four Miami matrons (r). (Teletext) (s) (44074)
10.00 Frasier. Comedy spin-off from the successful *Cheers* series. Starring Kelsey Grammer. (Teletext) (s) (15074)



Off-the-cuff comedy with Anderson (10.30pm)

10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Ad-lib comedy from Clive Anderson, Greg Proops, Chip Esten, Ryan Stiles and Tony Slattery (s) (395780)
11.05 Passengers. Film reports from around the world (s) (300529)
12.05am Beavis and Butt-Head. Last in the animated series (5606933)
12.40 FILM: The Sorcerers (1967) starring Boris Karloff. Low-budget horror about a stage hypnotist whose experiments in mind control are taken over by his wife, with horrifying results. Directed by Michael Reeves (7270865). Ends at **2.10**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.45** 1FM Roadshow, from Weston-super-Mare **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Pete Tong **10.00** John Peel **1.00am** Mark Tonderai

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** We Stayed in . . . with Jungr and Parker **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **8.45** At the Piano: David Newton **9.00** Listen to the Band. Rigid Containers Group Band under John Berryman **10.00** Iain Anderson's Edinburgh Festival **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **7.15** XV Commonwealth Games Report **8.35** The Magazine, including at **9.40** Video Review; **10.35** Europe News, **11.15** Chain Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Moneycheck, and at **12.55** Commonwealth Games Diary **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** the day's sport **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **9.05** Now for the Good News . . . **10.05** Stop Press **10.35** Financial Week **11.00** Night Extra, incl **11.45** Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.00** Up All Night at the Commonwealth Games

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The Rainbow **8.30** Women and Sex **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** On the Move **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News. Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Women and Sex **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Rainbow **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Power and Disorder **11.45** Sports Roundup **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Multitrack Alternative **1.00** News **1.15** Women's Magazines Worldwide **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** The Learning World **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Wordsmiths **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Power and Disorder **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Jane Markham **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Rimsky-Korsakov (Trombone Concerto) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert. Berlin PO performs Dvořák (Five Slavonic Dances); Smetana (Finale); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 24 in C minor); Schumann (Symphony No 1 in B flat) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** NJ Williams **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

ANGLIA

As London except: 10.25am Anglia News and Weather (9715971) **10.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (8719839) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5086277) **11.00** Ox Tales (5246722) **11.25** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (5256109) **11.55** The Munsters Today (1339819) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (7172616) **1.55** The Young Doctors (41934600) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (9589068) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (1556635) **5.10-5.40** Weekend (3731635) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (568548) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (261616) **10.40** The Mistress (73905068) **12.40am** Sextette (140020) **2.15** Whale On (5279391) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (7608198) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (93009469) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (8594136)

CENTRAL

As London except: 10.25 Central News (9715971) **10.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (8719839) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5086277) **11.00** Ox Tales (5246722) **11.25** The Munsters Today (7409529) **11.50** Deepwater Haven (9497180) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7172616) **1.55** A Country Practice (41934600) **2.20** Highway to Heaven (3987258) **3.15-3.20** Fashion File (1550451) **3.25-3.30** Central News (1556635) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (3731635) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (568548) **10.30** Central News and Weather (261616) **10.40** Magnum (975600) **11.40** Destination America (651616) **1.30am** Whale On (23223) **2.30** The Big E (4716469) **3.20** Noisy Mothers (7622778) **4.15** Jobfinder (1701865) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6097643)

HTV WEST

As London except: 10.30-12.20 Outback Bound (56478567) **1.55** Take the High Road (72463242) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (3986529) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (3731635) **5.55** Home and Away (986161) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (568548) **10.40** The Mackintosh Man (73905068) **12.40am** Sextette (140020) **2.15** Whale On (5279391) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (7608198) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (93009469)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (568548) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (261616)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 10.30-12.20 Laker Girls (56478567) **1.55** A Country Practice (41934600) **2.20** Take the High Road (73248703) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9809364) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3731635) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (41987) **10.40** Anything Goes (975600) **11.40** Married with Children (871277) **12.10am-12.40** All Together Now (9234643) **1.40** Noisy Mothers (5639865) **2.40** The New Music (4208198) **3.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (15562469) **4.10** America's Top Ten (1960198) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (17778)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (41934600) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (3996906) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3731635) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (495513) **6.30-7.00** Chain Gang (426) **10.30** Tyne Tees News and Weather (261616) **10.40** Friday Live - The Video (173277) **11.35** Nick Knight (198242) **1.15am** Whale On (991049) **2.15** The Big E (5279391) **3.10** The Wild North (357310) **4.50** Sprockets (56443223) **5.15-5.30** Nite Bites (1922643)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 10.25-10.30 Westcountry News (9715971) **1.55** De Medici Kitchen (72463242) **2.25-2.55** Gardeners' Diary (73247074) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3731635) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (41987) **10.50** Family Sins (34164703) **12.40am** Sextette (140020) **2.15** Whale On (5279391) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (7608198) **4.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (93009469) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (8594136)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (41934600) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (3996906) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3731635) **5.55** Calendar (495513) **6.30-7.00** The Results Show (426) **10.40** MacGyver (173277) **11.35** Nick Knight (198242) **1.15am** Whale On (991049) **2.15** The Big E (5279391) **3.10** The Wild North (357310) **4.50-5.15** Sprockets (56443223)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (86109) **9.00** Gymeu'r Gymanfwd '94 (34109) **9.30** Wish Kid (5166364) **9.55** Saved By The Bell (5078155) **10.25** Dog City (3347155) **10.50** Betty's Bunch (5998068) **11.20** Terrytoons (7328600) **11.45** The Adventures Of Super Mario Brothers (3685161) **12.00pm** The Lone Ranger (14345) **12.30** Sesame Street (70616) **1.30** Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio (63109) **2.00** 60 Years (4838) **2.30** Channel 4 Racing (25529) **4.30** Kathleen Rame (451) **5.00** Boy Meets World (8890) **5.30** Countdown (703) **6.00** Newyddion (225890) **6.20** Heno (478971) **7.00** Jacpot (2426) **7.30** Y Cymro Cryla (180) **8.00** Treialon Cwn Defaid Rhyngwladol 1994 (4074) **8.30** Newyddion (3109) **9.00** Travels With My Camera (3432) **10.00** Brookside (15074) **10.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? (395780) **11.05** Passengers (300529) **12.05am** Beavis and Butt-Head (5606933) **12.40** The Sorcerers (7270865)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: The Music of Sir Arthur Sullivan **6.55 Weather**
7.00 On Air: Ravel; Purcell; Haydn; Johann Melchior Molter. **8.15** *Keyboard Compendium*: Bach (Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue in D minor, BWV 903); **8.30** Bruch (String Quartet No 2 in E)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Biber
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mary Miller in Edinburgh. *Prom Artist of the Week*: John Eliot Gardiner conducts the English Baroque Soloists in Purcell (The Indian Queen, excerpts); **10.05** Grieg (Wedding Day at Troldhaugen); **10.15** Khachaturian (Sonatina, 1959); **10.50** Chabrier (Fête polonaise, Le Roi malgré lui)
11.00 Edinburgh International Festival 1994, live from the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh. The Russian soprano Galina Gorchakova and the pianist Larissa Gergieva perform songs by Glinka, Tchaikovsky, Cui and Rachmaninov. **11.50** Edinburgh Festival Report: Christopher Cook talks to Robert Lepage as *The Seven Streams of the River Ota* receives its world premiere **12.10pm** Part two
1.00pm St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: William Howard, piano, performs works by Janáček; Judith Weir and Brahms
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: RIAS Youth Orchestra, Berlin, performs Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 1); Viktor Ullmann (Piano Concerto); Ginastera (Variaciones Concertantes)
3.35 Circa 1500: Renaissance music (r)
4.30 Voices of Africa: New series focusing on seven of Africa's leading traditional musicians. The first programme features Hassan Erraji, the blind Moroccan musician and singer
5.00 The Music Machine (r)
5.15 In Tune: Purcell; Frank Bridge, Tippett, Mark-Anthony Turnage
7.30 BBC Proms 1994: Live from the Albert Hall, London, and in a simultaneous broadcast with BBC2, a tribute to Sir Henry Wood. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Elgar (Funeral March, Grania and Diarmid); Schoenberg (Five Orchestral Pieces, Op 16); Vaughan Williams (Serenade to Music). With Nancy Argenta, Heather Harper, Yvonne Kenny, Joan Rodgers, sopranos; Yvonne Minton, Felicity Palmer, Jean Rigby, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzos; Kim Begley, John Mitchinson, Anthony Rolfe-Johnson, Robert Tear, tenors; Thomas Allen, Willard White, John Tomlinson, David Wilson-Johnson, basses. **8.25** Keeping the Music Alive: Colin Burbidge recalls the war years in the BBC Music Departments. **8.45** Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A)
9.35 Four Score and Ten Remembered: Frances Partridge talks to Christopher Cook (r)
10.00 The Formidable Virtuosa Herr Biber: Three recitals by leading baroque violinists of music by Biber. Tonight's programme features Monica Huggett and the Trio Sonnerie
10.45 Writers under Fire: British Writing in the 1930s (r)
11.30-12.30am Midnight Oil: Including John Tavener's 1985 setting of W B. Yeats's *To a Child Dancing in the Wind*

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with Dr Don Evans **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.40 Rifleman and Hussar: Peter Ustinov reads a final extract from the memoirs of Sir Percival Marling, VC **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: With Raymond Seitz, the former American Ambassador in London (r)
9.45 Feedback
10.00-10.30 News; Fresh Air and Sandals (FM only): Leather Coffins. Bea Campbell explores Edward Carpenter's mission to liberate feet
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 Children's Radio 4: Simple Simon (LW only): The final part of Yvonne Coppard's story
10.30 Woman's House (FM only from **11.00**), from Manchester. Serial: *The Great Elephant Chase*. Incl **11.00 News**
11.00-7.00pm Test Match Special (LW only): England play South Africa on the second day in the third Test, including at **3.40 Ralph Dellor's Minor Counties Review**
11.30 The Natural History Programme (FM only)
12.00 News; You and Yours (FM only)
12.25pm The Heritage Quiz (FM only): Chaired by Sue MacGregor **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial (FM only): The Expedition of Humphry Clinker (final part) (r)
3.00 News; Anderson Country (FM only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM only): Louisa Buck investigates Humphrey Spender's Bolton; and Paul Allen reports from this year's Edinburgh Festival
4.45 Short Story (FM only): William Prinsloo's Peach Brandy, by Herman Charles Bosman (r)
5.00 PM (FM only) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only)
6.30 The Street (FM only): See Choice
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Year, with Peter White
8.05 Have Your Say: Donald MacCormick chairs a debate from the Edinburgh International Festival, and asks: "Who pays for the Arts?"
8.50 Something to Write Home About: A Grenadian Poet Goes to the Faroes. In a journey of self-discovery, Merle Collins follows the Gulf Stream from the Caribbean to the Faroe Islands
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature (r) See Choice **9.58** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Pursuit of Love. Anna Massey reads the final part of Nancy Mitford's novel
11.00 Struck Off and Die: The Infant and Whining Schoolboy. Doctors Phil Hammond and Tony Gardner present a four-part satirical view of the "Ages of Man"
11.25 Student Choice '94: Annie Nightingale and her guests help A-level students to find a place at college. Free Helpline: 0500 505050
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Street. *Radio 4, 6.30pm*
Doncaster's Lister Avenue will be familiar to fans of Ronnie Barker's comedy series, *Open All Hours*. Its unisex hair salon stood in for Arkwright's grocery shop. Now, thanks to Tony Wilkinson's radio exploration, the rest of Lister Street and its real-life denizens are known to all of us. Mothers sit on the front-steps, gossiping; a ghost in an empty house grabs the newspaper from the letterbox; and little children sing street songs with unexpected lyrics such as "Education, liberation, I love you".

Kaleidoscope Feature: Carry On Collecting. *Radio 4, 9.30pm*.
A collection of private collectors, plus a museum curator or two, are rounded up by Nigel Barley. They occupy common ground. Increasingly, our best museums are displaying items more usually stored where their owners, chests swelling with pride, can show them off to friends. Aptly, such museum exhibitions are called People Shows. Barley poses a question I would have asked: with so many museums being given over to amateurs' loans, aren't professional curators doing themselves out of a job? **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (70692242) **9.10** Cartoons (1371890) **9.30** Card Sharks (1486906) **9.55** Concentration (1396797) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (3466971) **10.30** Love at First Sight (58703) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (29838) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (76155) **12.30pm** E Street (99548) **1.00** Falcon Crest (87703) **2.00** Hart to Hart (71703) **3.00** Another World (5639548) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (2143093) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2635) **6.00** The Simpsons (5838) **6.30** Blockbusters (9890) **7.00** E Street (3364) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5074) **8.00** Code 3 (6884) **8.30** Sightings (8819) **9.00** The Adventures of Brisco County Junior (46426) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (49513) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (575906) **11.45** V (476890) **12.45-1.45am** Hill Street Blues (510198)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (85221) (663722) **9.30** Memories of 1970-91 (86074) **10.30** Nightline (56345) **11.30** Japan Business Today (38838) **1.30pm** CBS This Morning (79074) **2.30** Parliament (37797) **3.30** The Lords (95118) **4.30** News and Business Report (2987) **5.00** Live at Five (8267) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (65068) **9.30** Talkback (55451) **11.30** CBS Evening News (71093) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (63551) **1.30** *Financial Times* Reports (47827) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (49943) **3.30** Talkback (12778) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (75198) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (30594)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (7249780)
10.00 City Boy As 6pm (93364)
12.00 King's Pirate (1967): Seafaring swashbuckler with Doug McClure (85906)
2.00pm Cross Creek (1983): Drama in which Mary Steenburgen plays writer Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (36093)
4.00 Buckeye and Blue (1988): Robyn Lively in a modern comedy-western (7567)
6.00 City Boy (1992): Wilderness adventure set in the American northwest (23529)
8.00 Only the Lonely (1991): A police officer finds true love. Comedy with John Candy and Ally Sheedy (96674074)
9.45 US Top Ten (556548)
10.05 The Doctor (1991): William Hurt as a doctor who becomes a patient (18702548)
12.10am The Furious: Martial arts (542204)
1.45 Return to the Blue Lagoon (1991): Milla Jovovich and Brian Krause find love and adventure in paradise (768681)
3.30 Far from Home (1989): Psychological thriller with Drew Barrymore (139730). Ends at **5.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm In a Lonely Place (1950): Classic noir thriller with Humphrey Bogart (29797)
8.00 Man without a Star (1955): Drifter Kirk Douglas encounters trouble on the way to Wyoming. With Jeanne Crain (78756161)
9.45 The Verdict (1982). Courtroom drama with Paul Newman and James Mason. Script by David Mamet (61326277). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Paris Holiday (1958): Bob Hope comedy-thriller (34548)
8.00 The New Adventures of Oliver Twist: As 5.50pm (97797)
10.00 The Prisoner (1955): Alec Guinness and Jack Hawkins star in this drama about a cardinal subjected to torture (91906)
12.00 Lord Love a Duck (1966): Bizarre comedy with Roddy McDowall (83548)
2.00pm Bitter Springs (1950): Australian settlers meet Aborigine hostility (34835)
4.00 The Time Game (1992): An Australian boy is sent to the country (55228258)
5.50 The New Adventures of Oliver Twist: Animation (86108249)
7.30 The Movie Show (5884)
8.00 Desperate Justice (1993): Lesley Ann Warren plays a doting mother whose daughter is viciously assaulted (26616)
10.00 Ricochet (1991): Violent thriller with John Lithgow, Denzel Washington (115631)
11.45 Canvas (1993): Tough thriller about drug dealing. With Gary Busey (167987)
1.20am Pyrates (1991). Kevin Bacon and Kyra Sedgwick are a young couple who start fires when they become intimate (309952)
2.55 Seed People (1991): Horror sci-fi thriller (4371594)
4.20 The Time Game: As 4pm (572933). Ends at **6.15**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (8510109) **7.15** WWF All-American Wrestling (953884) **8.15** Soccer News (5778703) **8.30** World of Rugby Union (61364) **9.00** ATP Tennis Magazine (52616) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (88529) **10.00** European PGA Golf: English Open (523890) **1.00pm** Fishomania Review (41074) **1.30** World Sport Special (81616) **2.00** ATP Tennis Magazine (7890) **2.30** European PGA Golf (279432) **5.30** World Sport Special (6345) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (90364) **7.00** The Big League, Live: Workington v Leeds (221155) **9.30** Andy Gray's Boot Room (77432) **10.30** World Soccer Magazine (59629) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (51451) **12.00-2.30am** The Big League (214020)

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00pm This is Sky Sports Too! (9421364) **6.30** Tennis Special: Nick Bollettieri (2629426) **7.30** US PGA Golf, Live (4110277) **10.00-1.00am** European PGA Golf (2257906)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (56906) **8.00** Live Cycling: World Track Championships from Sicilia, Italy (116884) **10.30** Triathlon: ITU World Cup (29093) **11.30** ATP Tennis (35890) **12.00** Football: Copa Libertadores (30426) **2.00pm** Modern Pentathlon World Championships from Sheffield (24819) **3.00** Mountainbike. Downhill World Cup from Kaprun, Austria (1093) **3.30** Motors (59722) **4.30** Motorcycling Magazine (4631) **5.00** International Motorsports Report (2345) **6.00** News (5426) **6.30** Live Cycling (as 8am) (304432) **9.00** Tennis. Volvo International (61703) **11.00** Boxing (53819) **12.00** Motorcycling Magazine (60759) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (24469)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (7285426) **7.30** Neighbours (7360161) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7957426) **8.30** EastEnders (7956797) **9.00** The Bill (7043277) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (6294529) **10.30** Casualty (56292838) **11.35** The Sullivans (57085987) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7950513) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6829161) **1.00** EastEnders (7284797) **1.30** The Bill (6828432) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (7366600) **2.30** Rosie (3658451) **3.00** Knots Landing (3011906) **4.00** Dynasty (3927513) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4534529) **5.40** The Goodies (6354451) **5.55** Sykes (1546345) **6.30** EastEnders (3640432) **7.00** Are You Being Served? (7440616) **7.30** And Mother Makes Five (3646616) **8.00** Rumpole of the Bailey (1108548) **9.00** Casualty (1016884) **10.00** The Bill (7951242) **10.30** Colin's Sandwich (3839722) **11.10** Thunderbirds (2642258) **12.10am** Dr Who. The King's Demons (2769372) **12.40** FILM: Red Dust (1932, b/w). Clark Gable plays a womanising rubber plantation owner (85433440) **2.05** Shopping (43920846)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am It's Droibee Time (89819) **7.00** Spot and Hercules (6739635) **7.15** Pastagums (6512616) **7.30** Casper and Friends (69567) **8.00** Pingu (7509722) **8.05** Head to Head in 3D (7599345) **8.15** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (2189068) **8.30** Beverly Hills Teens (94616) **9.00** Bobby's World (7870242) **9.25** Around the World in 80 Seconds (8270797) **10.00** Twins of Destiny (10703) **10.30** Radio Detectives (48780) **11.00** Chuckle Club (74703) **11.30** All Change (75432) **12.00** Hour of Power (98432) **12.30pm** Ironman (42797) **1.00** Guitars and Roses (49703) **1.30** Swan's Crossing (41068) **2.00** Barney and Friends (8616) **2.30** Mysterious Cities of Gold (6857) **3.00** Garfield and Friends (2221) **3.30** Head to Head in 3D (8379109) **3.40** Summer Crunch (6570529) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (6613)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Pondles (83258) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (60635) **8.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (69906) **9.00** Doug (50258) **9.30** Clarissa Explains It All (29141) **10.00** Rocko/Garbage Pail Kids (29364) **10.30** Denver the Last Dinosaur (76242) **11.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (47635) **11.30** Smoggies (48364) **12.00** Nick Faves (63722) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (80987) **1.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (49616) **1.30** Nick's Cartoon Hour (31884) **2.30** Garbage Pail Kids (3141) **3.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (4587) **3.30** You Choose (5616) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (7451) **4.30** Doug (3635) **5.00** Chroma Zone (5819) **6.00** Clarissa Explains It All (1600) **6.30-7.00** Roundhouse (4832)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Tree Top Raft (3925155) **5.00** Space Age (7447529) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (6835722) **7.00** In the Footsteps of Scott (1018242) **8.00** The Real West (1190890) **9.00** The Extremists (3027567) **9.30** Challenge of the Seas (6847567) **10.00** The New Explorers (7959864) **10.30** Fire (7031432) **11.00-12.00** Reaching for the Skies (7365616)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Affair with a Stranger (1953): Romantic comedy with Jean Simmons about a successful playwright and his wife who are on the brink of divorce (2720722) **2.00pm** The Avengers (2718987) **3.00** My Three Sons (7443703) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (3655364) **4.00** FILM: Cosmic Man (1959): Alien John Carradine arrives on earth in a giant golf ball to spread the gospel of peace and love (92774890) **5.15** Short (95557529) **5.30** The Mothers-in-Law (3654635) **6.00** Hogan's Heroes (3651548) **6.30** Edgar Wallace (7781987) **7.30** Saber Of London (3568884) **8.00** The Avengers (1194616) **9.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (3014093) **9.30** Circus of Horrors (1127890) **11.00-12.00** The Time Tunnel (7289242)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (4757432) **7.00** Living Magazine Highlights (3312109) **8.00** Days of Our Lives (8123161) **8.55** Floyd on France (3326074) **9.25** Mr Motivator's Mornings (4354762) **9.30** Now You See It (7468426) **10.00** Trivia Trap (3726682) **10.30** Crosswits (7965118) **11.00** Definition (4232180) **11.30** The Young and the Restless (1428513) **12.30pm** Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga (29552906) **12.45** Best of Kilroy (7799109) **1.30** First Time Planting (7461513) **2.00** Agony Hour (2376141) **3.00** Jayne's Living Magazine (9613180) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (81340242) **4.00** Infatuation (7292345) **4.30** Definition (7298529) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (4031109) **5.30** The Fish Course (7212109) **6.00** Best of Anne and Nick (7272529) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7273258) **9.00** FILM: Blue Heaven. A young wife realises her perfect husband is becoming insane (42796906) **11.05** Infatuation (2891890) **11.30-12.00** Housecalls (7326646)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (6068) **5.30** Danger Bay (8155) **6.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (5068) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (2548) **7.00** All Clued Up (2432) **7.30** All Together Now (1432) **8.00** Bordertown (1180) **8.30** GP (7987) **9.00** Neon Rider (19364) **10.00** The Pyramid Game (99161) **10.30** Newhart (15109) **11.00** Lou Grant (49432)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wild Side (845049) **8.00** VJ Ingo (350426) **11.00** Soul (47345) **12.00** Greatest Hits (29890) **1.00pm** Summertime (218161) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8382819) **3.45** At the Movies (8350074) **4.00** News at Night (3119616) **4.15** 3 From 1 (3132567) **4.30** Dial MTV (2161) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (15156) **7.00** Greatest Hits (22838) **8.00** Most Wanted (94797) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (37819) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (255567) **10.15** At the Movies (243722) **10.30** News at Night (907426) **10.45** 3 From 1 (396839) **11.00** VJ Marijne (41890) **1.00am** Chill Out Zone (26198) **2.00** Videos (5422643)

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Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
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9.05 Manhattan Melodrama (1934): Thriller with Clark Gable and William Powell (4429088)
10.45 Whipsaw (1935): G-man Spencer Tracy romances gangster Loy in order to recover some stolen jewels (96006906)
12.15am Wife Versus Secretary (1936): Romantic comedy with Jean Harlow (42285594)
1.55 The Prizefighter and the Lady (1933): Comedy drama in which boxer Jack Dempsey falls for a high-class gangster's moll (98335778). Ends at **5.00**

Debutant justifies Test selection as McMillan leads South Africa's recovery

England in Benjamin's debt

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (first day of five: South Africa won toss): South Africa have scored 326 for eight wickets against England

NOT many fast bowlers get to make their England debut at an age when others are considering retirement. Even fewer do so on their home ground and then take four wickets on their opening day in Test cricket. Sporting daydreams are made of Joey Benjamin's story at the Oval yesterday. Sporting nightmares are made of Philip Tufnell's.

To most of those present at the start of this final Cornhill Test it was a moot point which was the more improbable — the inclusion of a 33-year-old who only gave up his job in a bookstore six years ago, or the omission of an acknowledged match-winner in Tufnell. The England selectors may yet bitterly regret discarding Tufnell, the one skilled spin bowler available to either side, in favour of a stereotyped all-seam attack. But their audacity in summoning Benjamin has to be admired.

Benjamin, born on the Caribbean holiday island of St Kitts, extracted the class from the South African innings by dismissing Hansie Cronje and Kepler Wessels either side of lunch. Then, just when England were yet again floundering without inspiration against an adhesive lower order, he returned with their deliverance.

It was an inconclusive achievement, for South Africa's total is competitive on a pitch that offered life and movement to bowlers who put the ball in the right area. This was largely beyond Devon Malcolm, the bowler who ought to have been sacrificed for Tufnell, but one of his few straight deliveries demonstrated that the bounce here is not totally consistent by clattering Jonty Rhodes on the helmet as he ducked into it.

That ball, fuller than bouncer length but short enough for Rhodes to be confident it would clear him, caused delay and consternation. Rhodes, initially poleaxed, was helped off the field looking pale and heavy-legged, and taken by ambulance to the Maudsley hospital in Denmark Hill, where he was detained overnight for observation.

As South Africa, pretty soon afterwards, were effectively 136 for six, with their regular and irrepressible saviour indisposed, their recovery was remarkable. At Headingley, where something similar was achieved, Brian McMillan's part was unfairly diminished by Peter Kirsten's century and the late, critical onslaught of Craig Matthews. This time the stage was his, and he has already surpassed his 78 at Leeds in four hours of application so correct and composed that England never once threatened to remove him.

South Africa contributed to their early disarray by rearranging their order. Andrew Hudson's lack of runs predictably cost him his place, but by promoting Peter Kirsten to an opening job which ill suits him, they also unprofitably tampered with a stable middle-order.

It was not, however, so crass a selection as England's. Tufnell has bowled superbly in the past month and should have been an automatic inclusion here. Without him, England have nobody to relieve the diet of right-arm seam, nobody to apply a reliable brake, and nobody to exploit wear in the pitch during the later days.

Raymond Illingworth may have been swept along by the opinion of his captain and vice-captain, but as a chairman who vocally advocates spin bowling, this was an abrogation of responsibility. If England win it will be forgotten, but it will not forgive the shallowness of the thinking.

What made so little sense was that England packed the side with fast bowlers when they hoped to bat first. That privilege was denied them by the toss, but it was surely one that Michael Atherton was content to lose.

Within an hour he had a degree of vindication for his tactics with the wickets of the Kirstens — Gary caught half-forward by a ball from DeFreitas that lifted and left him, and Peter fatally late on his stroke against a yorker from Malcolm.

The edge was explored regularly, especially by Gough and DeFreitas, but nothing went to hand and Cronje was making rapid if unsteady progress towards his first substantial score of the series until he was undone in Benjamin's third over. It was, in truth, a dubious leg-before decision, but that will not worry Benjamin. It took him many years to establish a career in cricket, but it took him only 14 balls to take a Test wicket.

Daryll Cullinan began with a pedigree cover-drive for four but this enigmatic player made only three more runs before falling to another good one from DeFreitas in the last over of the morning.

Much now depended upon Wessels, and although discomfited by the extravagant bounce and dropped by Gooch, at gully, when he sliced a drive against Malcolm, he looked ominously entrenched when he took it into his head to work across the line of a straight one from Benjamin.

McMillan, perhaps the outstanding player of this series, was now joined by David Richardson, and the game was temporarily stood on its head. In 90 overs, the sixth-wicket pair added 124, and if Richardson's innings was that of an opportunist, he still put bat to ball in an admirably purposeful fashion.

Benjamin returned to dismiss Richardson, and swiftly Matthews too, but McMillan remained to supervise further stands with DeVilliers and Donald, both immensely frustrating to England.

Whether or not Rhodes is declared fit to resume his innings today, McMillan richly deserves nine more runs for his maiden Test century. Already, he has assured that England will have to bat as they obviously can, rather than as they often do, if their victory plan is to be realised.



REUTER

Cronje, the South Africa batsman, departs as Benjamin is congratulated after taking his first Test wicket at the Oval yesterday

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SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

G Kirsten c Rhodes b DeFreitas ..... 2 (11min, 12 balls)
P N Kirsten b Malcolm ..... 16 (54min, 30 balls, 2 fours)
W J Cronje lbw b Benjamin ..... 38 (94min, 65 balls, 2 fours)
*K C Wessels lbw b Benjamin ..... 45 (118min, 84 balls, 7 fours)
D J Cullinan c Rhodes b DeFreitas . 7 (12min, 11 balls, 1 four)
J N Rhodes retired hurt ..... 8 (20min, 14 balls, 1 four)
B M McMillan not out ..... 91 (259min, 184 balls, 9 fours)
†D J Richardson c Rhodes b Benjamin 58 (127min, 89 balls, 8 fours)
C R Matthews c Hick b Benjamin ... 0 (8min, 4 balls)
P S de Villiers c Stewart b DeFreitas 14 (62min, 50 balls, 2 fours)
A A Donald not out ..... 11 (24min, 15 balls, 1 four)
Extras (b 8, lb 10, w 1, nb 17) 38
Total (8 wkts, 400min, 90 overs) 326

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2 (P Kirsten), 2-43 (Cronje 25), 3-73 (Wessels 18), 4-85 (Wessels 20), 5-136 (McMillan 6), 6-260 (McMillan 61), 7-266 (McMillan 67), 8-301 (McMillan 82).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 25-5-90-3 (nb 5; 6-1-19-1, 8-2-26-1, 1-0-8-0, 5-0-26-0, 5-2-11-1), Malcolm 24-5-78-1 (nb 2, w 1; 4-1-13-0, 4-0-13-1, 5-1-22-0, 2-0-9-0, 5-2-8-0, 4-1-13-0); Gough 19-1-85-0 (nb 8; 7-0-20-0, 3-0-13-0, 1-0-3-0, 5-1-27-0, 3-0-22-0); Benjamin 17-2-42-4 (nb 5; 4-0-15-1, 6-1-13-1, 7-1-14-2); Hick 5-1-13-0 (4-1-9-0, 1-0-4-0).

ENGLAND: G A Gooch, *M A Atherton, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, A J Stewart, J P Crawley, †S J Rhodes, P A J DeFreitas, D Gough, J E Benjamin and D E Malcolm.

Umpires: R S Dunne (New Zealand) and K E Palmer (England).

TV replay umpire: A G T Whitehead (England).

Match referee: P J P Burge (Australia).

Helmet saves Rhodes from serious injury

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

SADLY for all booksellers and gardeners who fancy their chances of playing Test cricket, the abiding image of the opening day of the third Test was not the unconfined joy of England's Joey Benjamin but the prostrate figure of Jonty Rhodes. Even for those who did not know the South African's full medical history, the crack of ball against helmet was sickening enough, the body still enough and the demeanour of the surrounding England fieldsmen animated enough to prompt fears for the worse.

Thankfully, all those proved unfounded. After a worrying delay in deciding which hospital he should be taken to, Rhodes was detained in the Maudsley hospital overnight as a precaution and should be back at the ground this morning with nothing more painful than a sore head to show for his courage. It would be quite in character — and entirely true to the spirit of this irrepressible South Africa side — for him to return to the fray.

And to think that Rhodes, who was diagnosed as having a mild form of epilepsy when he fell off a swing at the age of five, gave up contact sports on medical advice to concentrate on the gentle arts of cricket. He could not have been thinking of a bouncy Oval wicket and four first to fast-medium bowlers providing a barrage of short to medium-short bowling at the time or he would surely have stuck to football or rugby, his first two sporting loves. Yesterday, at just before 2pm, as he stumbled from the field, pale and concussed, bungee-jumping must have seemed a safer pastime than Test cricket.

Yet Rhodes has always accepted the dangers of being hit and talked openly about them. Two years ago, he was felled by Allan Donald in a Castle Cup match in Durban, an incident he recalled with commendable frankness earlier in this tour.

"I was wearing a helmet but my lights still went out. I think Allan thought I was dead, but I went to hospital and was OK the next day. The dangers are there in cricket. But I never think about them. If I do, I have no chance." He has worn a helmet since the age of 10, which must have been ridiculed then but proved his saviour yesterday.

"Without the helmet, he could certainly have been killed by that blow," Craig Smith, the South African physio, said. "The helmet did its job. It took the full force of the blow." The consequences if he had not been wearing one do not bear thinking about.

The injury to Rhodes overshadowed the unlikely success of Benjamin, whose meandering route to Test cricket at the age of 33 has taken him through a variety of jobs — warehouseman, bookseller and gardener — and an impossibly long time. That he took four wickets and looked, at times, the most effective of the England fast bowling quartet must have given hope to every club trundler in the land. Not that long ago, Benjamin was struggling to bowl out sides in the Birmingham League and only a succession of coincidences, which brought him first to the notice of Warwickshire and then onwards to Surrey, saved him from a future of wondering what might have been.

Whatever happens now — and a winter in Australia is a distinct possibility — he can look back with some pride on his efforts yesterday. By rights, he should not have been there at all. But then the same could be said of Rhodes, who will have very much more painful memories of the day.



Rhodes: recovering

Cork claims hat-trick

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

DOMINIC Cork, of Derbyshire, who is high on the list of candidates for an all-rounder's place in the England party to tour Australia this winter, claimed the first hat-trick of his career against Kent at Derby yesterday, removing Mark Benson, Matthew Walker and Carl Hooper with the score at 97. Benson was caught behind; Walker and Hooper went leg-before.

Unhappily for Derbyshire, Kent treated Cork's feat as a mere inconvenience, and with Trevor Ward scoring 86 and Mark Ealham (64) and Steve Marsh (88) adding 139 for the seventh wicket, before both fell to Cork, Kent ended the day happily placed at 387 for eight, Cork having figures of five for 79 from 28 overs.

Shaun Udal, who looks certain to be England's off spinner in Australia, took five for 26 as Surrey's rapid fall from grace continued at Southampton, where they were bowled out for 150 by Hampshire. Alistair Brown, with 78, being the sole batsman to emerge with credit.

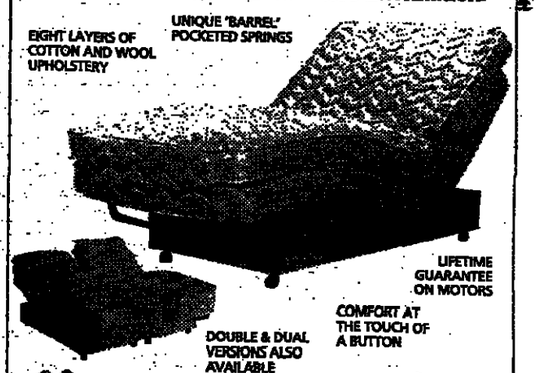
Tony Middleton was the only Hampshire batsman dismissed before they moved ahead through an unbroken partnership of 162 between Paul Terry and Giles White.

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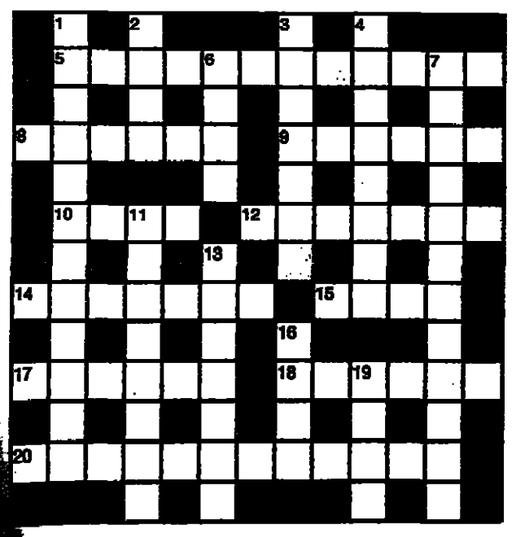
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8 Provide; have money for (6)
9 Cave in landscaped gardens (6)
10 Loot and destroy (4)
12 Squashed circle (7)
14 Containing roughage (7)
15 Unable or unwilling to listen (4)
17 Complete (6)
18 Erode (6)
20 Unseen listener (3,2,3,4)

DOWN

1 Curtained stall in RC church (12)
2 Fiddling Roman emperor (4)
3 Rum (7)
4 Tooth-protecting water additive (8)
6 Flank (4)
7 Never healthier (3,2,1,6)
11 Passageway (8)
13 Crescent-shaped alcove for statue (7)
16 Cause of misery, destruction (4)
19 Massed shout (4)

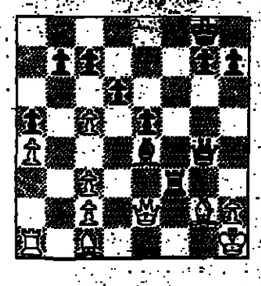
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By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Polgar - Ivanchuk, Monaco 1994. Judith Polgar is a brilliant tactical player but in today's position finds her on the receiving end of a winning combination. Black to play.



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By Philip Howard

LATITAT
a. A type of writ
b. A drum
c. A variety of potato

MALABATHRUM
a. An insect
b. A mythical city
c. A leaf

ALPARGATA
a. A climbing manoeuvre
b. A type of sandal
c. A style of writing

DINKEL
a. A small fish
b. A species of wheat
c. A spanner

Answers on page 34